New Cabinet in Sight, Berlusconi Now Asserts Chief Opponent in Italian Alliance Won't Fight Him for Power, He Says

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

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ROME - Silvio Berhisconi, the billionaire who led a rightist alliance to a startling electoral triumph that revamped Italy's political landscape, declared Wednesday that his federalist ally Umberto Bossi no longer opposed his bid to head a new government.

As he began to spell out his postelectoral ambitions for the first time, Mr. Berlusconi said he was also willing to sell off his enormous business holdings if that would alleviate anxieties about potential conflicts of interest in his nascent political career

After meeting with Mr. Bossi for the first time since their three-party Freedom Alliance

Italian markets were cheered by prospects for an end to the political chaos. Page 13.

won the most important general elections for four decades, Mr. Berlusconi confirmed publicly that he intended to become prime minister of a rightist government if he is asked to do so by

President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro.

"It would be logical," he said in Milan. "This is an electoral alliance. There is a party that is the biggest force within that electoral alliance and I'm the leader of that party.

"I have made guarantees to the Italian people that we will form a good government, one that will show efficiency and determination. I am sure we will achieve it soon."

Mr. Bossi sounded conciliatory after the meeting, although he did not specifically recant his earlier opposition to the prime minister's job for Mr. Berlusconi. Nor did he recant his opposition to a role for neofascists in the gov-

"If everything goes as it should, we will rapidly be ready to give the country a government," Mr. Bossi said. "But first we have to understand properly whether there is the chance of establishing a common program." Barely two months after entering politics,

By Brett D. Fromson

Washington Past Service
NEW YORK — You probably noticed

An eight-week plunge has wiped out most

of the market's gains this year. Since its peak

on Jan. 31, the Dow Jones Industrial Average

has fallen 8.8 percent, including a plunge of

72.27 points on Wednesday that took the

index to 3,626.75. (Page 9) in Europe, stocks

seem to be taking their cue from Wall Street. Key indexes in Paris, London and Frankfurt

Whether the current stock slide is merely a

correction or a major bear market, now is the

all dropped Wednesday. (Page 10)

Mr. Berlusconi steered the rightist electoral coalition, consisting of his populist movement Forza Italia, Mr. Bossi's Northern League and the neofascist National Alliance, to a landslide victory with an absolute majority of 366 seats in the 630-seat Chamber of Deputies and a quali-

fied majority of 155 in the 315-seat Senate. Yet, even before the final votes were counted, the prospects that the rightist alliance could form a government were cast into doubt when Mr. Bossi insisted he could not tolerate the entry into government of the neofascists. He objected to their extremist background and the fact that, since they got most of their votes in the south, they would demand a continuing stream of subsidies from the wealthy north.

Mr. Bossi said Mr. Berlusconi's vast business

empire, which includes three television stations, magazines, supermarkets and extensive real estate holdings, should disqualify him from becoming prime minister because he would face too many conflicts of interest. Instead, Mr. Bossi proposed that Roberto Maroni, the Northern League's leader in the lower house, take charge of the new government.

But Mr. Berlusconi suggested in a television interview that he was now prepared to dispose of his holdings, including his three television stations, which opponents claimed had been shameless in their promotion of the magnate's

"I've heard that some people have said that if I want to be prime minister, I'll have to sell my companies," he said. "Let them come forward. If someone wants to buy them, I've got nothing

That promise may have softened Mr. Bossi's earlier objections. Asked after their meeting if Mr. Bossi would now accept him as head of the government, Mr. Berlusconi replied: "I think that was the conclusion of our meeting."

On the other hand, Mr. Berlusconi said that he expected the National Alliance to take part in his government. He also held open the possibility that a Northern League representative could serve as his deputy prime minister.

"Investors go through three phases in a stock market decline: complacency, concern and capitulation," said Byron R. Wien, a U.S.

stock analyst with Morgan Stanley & Co.

"We have just entered concern, Capitulation

is ahead," he said, meaning heavy selling by

that in a bear market you should hang in

there if you do not need the money tied up in

stocks anytime soon. Mutual fund firms said

Tuesday their clients were following that ad-

vice. "We got very little reaction from inves-

tors today to the market decline," said Steven

Conventional wisdom on Wall Street is

they say on Wall Street.

demoralized shareholders.



While Talks Go On in Cairo, Rocks Keep Flying in Hebron

A Palestinian youth with a slingshot hurling a rock Wednesday at Israeli soldiers in the West Bank city of Hebron. In Cairo, meanwhile, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators held a marathon session in an attempt to hammer out security arrangements for the occupied territories. Both sides said that they were hopeful, but neither side reported any substantial progress.

according to professional investors.

First, review what you own and the reasons

why. If there are stocks or mutual funds in

have doubts about, then sell, Mr. Wien said.

That goes for mutual funds as well. In an age

when investors can switch funds in a single

telephone call, professional investors said, it

Second, find investments that will not get

Some stocks fall less than others in a bear

market. The only generalization that can be

hammered and transfer some of your money

makes sense to move toward less market-

sensitive funds in a declining market.

Tokyo Edgy Over Tough Washington

Business Leaders See A Hidden Agenda to **Erode Competitiveness**

By Steven Brull

TOKYO - Japanese industrialists and economists are expressing growing fears that Washington's uncompromising push to open Japan's markets has increasingly become a campaign to erode their nation's industrial competitiveness.

"There is an element of the strategy that wants to use the strong yen to achieve economic hegemony among the advanced capitalist economies, especially in high technology," Mineko Sasaki-Smith, economist at Morgan Stanley & Co. in Tokyo, said Wednesday.

out the world.

being viewed as a means for punishment," Miss Sasaki-Smith said.

The hardened U.S. stance was clear Wednesday as the American envoy to Japan, Walter F. Mondale, criticized Tokyo's proposals this week to stimulate its economy and expand

"There is virtually nothing in this document that bears on stimulation at all." he said at a breakfast meeting for U.S. executives. He said the United States hoped sanctions would not be necessary, but added, "We can't live with the

His comments came just hours after Mickey

The U.S. administration's tough rhetoric has helped propel the yen to levels against other currencies that strip most Japanese products of their competitiveness overseas and deprive

Worse, the corporate fallout spreads throughout the broader economy, exacerbating fears about job security and damping private consumption, which represents 60 percent of Japan's gross domestic product. These repercussions contradict the expressed U.S. goals of expanding Japan's economy to increase imports and narrow the current-account imbalance, which hit a record \$131.4 billion in 1993.

yen as a way to force concessions. But the contradiction between goals and methods is fanning the suspicions that Washington has a hidden agenda to make U.S. goods more pricecompetitive than Japan's, not only at home but

"I don't want to say it's emotional anti-Americanism," said Hirohiko Okumura, chief economist at Nomura Research Institute, "but there is more and more momentum to criticizing American policies from a logical point of

Both sides were careful to keep tensions under control. Mr. Kantor said the door remained open to new proposals, while Tokyo's top spokesman pledged Wednesday an all-out effort to flesh out more specific measures ahead of the annual Group of Seven summit meeting

"It is enormously important for the Japanese government to put all its energy into compiling such measures in June," said the chief cabinet

have are very generalized statements of steps that will be taken down the road which are very difficult, very vague and very difficult to analyze and may or may not lead to anything several months down the road," Mr. Mondale

Trade Stance

Her comments echoed suspicions expressed in leading Japanese newspapers over the past week that Washington has a hidden agenda to make Japanese goods less competitive through-

"What had been seen as a tool for leverage is

Kantor, the U.S. trade representative, said the Japanese package was insufficient to reopen stalled trade talks between the two countries.

companies of profits on exports.

Most Japanese see U.S. tolerance of a strong

also in European and Southeast Asian markets.

of leading industrial democracies in July.

secretary, Masayoshi Takemura.

Tuesday's package covered areas of U.S. concern — including promises to extend cuts in income taxes, expand public works spending and deregulation in such key sectors as autos.

auto parts and financial services. But the proposal had very few specifics, trying the patience of U.S. negotiators.

"In the deregulation area, basically what you

In This Factory, Russian Reform Russian Reform **Comes in Twists**

By Fred Hiatt

NIZHNI NOVGOROD, Russia - The Vermani noodle company joined Russia's expanding ranks of privatized firms eight months ago, and on the surface nothing much seems to have

Inside the drooping 1938 factory in this large Volga River city 400 kilometers (250 miles) east of Moscow, sparrows still this above the automatic spaghetti maker. But for Vermani's 300 workers, privatization has brought dizzying change. Their Soviet-era boss was ousted in a bare-knuckled ruckus at a shareholders' meeting. A Moscow-based mutual fund run by "twentysomething" financiers is gobbling up stock and seeking control.

How Vermani, and thousands of companies like it, adapt to the "post-privatized" world has emerged as a key to the success or failure of Russia's reforms. Thanks to the largest national yard sale in history, more than half of Russia's work force now toils in the private sector, according to a spokeswoman for the quasiofficial Russia Privatization Center. Many critics charge that the privatization too

often has been in name only — that the same Soviet-era managers remain in charge, still looking to Moscow for guidance and handouts. Without a well-developed stock market that would allow outsiders to buy in and pressure those managers, the critics charge, little progress is likely.

"The main aim has not been achieved," said

Nizhmi Novgorod's reformist governor, Boris Nemtsov. "Both in terms of attracting investment and replacing managers, the change has been too slow." Yet throughout the country, the picture is

decidedly mixed. A recent informal survey found that more than half of privatized firms have changed their product mix and introduced incentive-based wages, according to Maxim Boyko, head of the Privatization Center. In the first round of 215 shareholder meetings in this

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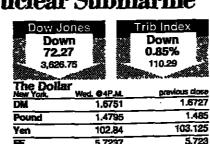
The submarine Emerande off Toulon in a 1992 photo.

10 Die on French Nuclear Submarine

PARIS (Reuters) - France has recalled three nuclear-powered attack submarines fol-lowing an accident that killed 10 sailors aboard a fourth vessel on Wednesday in the Mediterranean, the navy said.

Rear Admiral Philippe Roy said the other submarines were being recalled because of questions about the accident on the submarine Emeraude. Admiral Roy said two of the submarines being recalled were in the Mediterranean and one was in the Atlantic.

The accident on the Emeraude, which was on a training mission off its port of Toulon, was believed caused by a pipe that burst and released steam, killing the 10 sailors who were in the engine room compartment, Admiral Roy said. He said that the accident did not cause any radioactive contamination and that the submarine was not carrying nuclear mis-



In the Savage World of Stocks, Here's How to Avoid the Bear

fund operator based in Baltimore.

But some successful professional investors

"In between now and the long run, there

are awful periods," said Michael Harkins, of

the investment advisory firm Levy, Harkins

& Co. "Not only will stocks be lower a year

from now, but you may have unexpected

financial needs requiring you to sell stocks. And then you may have less money. This is an

extraordinarily overvalued stock market. It is

Luckily, there are some things you can do

not sensible to sit there and get run over."

said they thought conventional wisdom was

Health/Science Researchers are closing in on a single-dose vaccine for children. Page 8. vaccine for children.

Hillary Clinton's \$100,000 Gain: Documents Detail a Risky Roll

By Ruth Marcus and Charles R. Babcock

Wushington Post Service WASHINGTON - The White House has made public documents showing how Hillary Rodham Clinton parlayed a \$1,000 investment into nearly \$100,000 in less than a year by trading in cattle futures and other commodities

in notoriously risky futures markets. The Clintons' large profits in commodities trading were nearly as large as their incomes for those years and came at a time when they had

virtually no assets. Commodities trading is done on margin. meaning that it takes only a small amount of

money to control a large contract. But it is generally thought to be extremely risky, because if the market goes down, an investor can be liable to come up with the full amount.

A White House official said Mrs. Clinton was not risking more than she could afford because she normally had enough money in her account to cover any losses.

made about the relative performance of sec-

tors is that the stocks that were most popular

on the way up tend to be those that are most

Partners Inc., a New Jersey-based investment

advisory firm with a perennially defensive

stance, said he liked gold stocks as a hedge in

large part because they have been unpopular

for more than a decade. He would avoid

shares in brokerage and mutual fund compa-

nies, two of the most popular stock groups in

"Those businesses were some of the great

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hated on the way down.

recent years.

Jack Sander, chairman of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, said in an interview that "it is very possible" to make \$100,000 on a \$1,000 cash investment "if you are lucky enough to be in a market that has a precipitous trending

"And 1978 and 1979 was the biggest bull market in the history of the cattle market," he

Mr. Sander added that the rule of thumb that 75 percent to 80 percent of commodities investors lose money was correct. "I believe she would have been one of those if

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China Offers Mild Draft on North Korea

UNITED NATIONS, New York — China, in a surprise move, submitted a draft statement to the other four permanent members of the Security Council on Wednesday urging North Korea to permit inspection of its nuclear sites, a

China had originally opposed any action by the council on the Korean nuclear issue, saying it should be settled through dialogue. But Beijing said later that it could consider a statement of a "mild, constructive, positive and objective nature." It was not known whether the statement

proposed by China at a meeting with represen-

France was firm enough to satisfy the other permanent council members, most of whom suspect North Korea of conducting a clandestime nuclear weapons program. The council has been working on both a

tatives of the United States, Russia, Britain and

resolution and a statement, in hopes that one or other might be adopted in the near future. While a resolution would carry greater weight, it appeared unlikely that China would

vote for one in any form and would at best abstain rather than use its veto. A Security Council statement, which is nonbinding, carries less weight than a resolution.

A statement issued by the council president.

on the other hand, would require the concurrence of all 15 members, including China, and thus have the advantage of presenting North Korea with a united front.

The council source noted that it was rare for China to propose the wording of a statement. Beijing usually prefers to offer amendments to texts circulated by other delegations, the source

The statement proposed by China contained a nonbinding text similar to one on which action was expected to be taken late Thursday, but without a key clause promising that the

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Debunking William Tell, Heroism and Other Myths

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By Henry Kamm New York Times Service

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — The Alps will not crumble; the watches will continue to tell time. There will be numbered bank accounts, and cows will still graze on mountain slopes and donate milk for cheese and chocolate.

But an exhibition in the Historical Museum of this city on the Lake of Geneva casts scorn on many other fundamentals, shared by most Swiss, that give this nation its sense of righteous

The theme of the exhibition is that the heroic history of the founding of Switzerland, whose said in an interview in his cluttered office.

700th anniversary was celebrated with pomp throughout 1991, has almost no foundation in truth. Switzerland is not the world's oldest democracy, it contends, and it was not founded by Alpine peasants who gathered on a meadow in 1291 to defy the mighty Hapsburgs.

In perhaps the unkindest cut of all, the exhibition relegates William Tell, the national hero. to the realm of folklore.

They invented all the great events and then put the invented figure of Tell into this landscape," Professor Werner Meyer, who holds the chair of medieval history at Basel University.

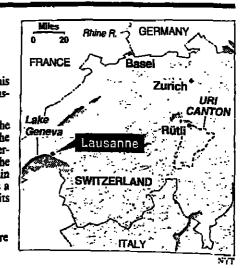
Professor Meyer, aided by his assistants and students, is the creator of the exhibition. His role as chief proponent of the debunking school has earned him a loose-leaf binder full of angry letters, including a death threat, and abusive phone calls. Similar reactions were reported by Olivier Pavillon, curator of the Lausanne muse-

At 56, Professor Meyer could easily play the protagonist in the many Tell folk dramas that enliven the tourist season. Burly and bearded, he wore a sleeveless, sheepskin-lined leather jacket and a silver bull's bead on a chain around his tieless neck. His firm hands might easily have held the crossbow with which the hero of

legend was forced to shoot the apple from his son's head after refusing to kowtow to an Aus-

Professor Meyer and Mr. Pavillon see the Swiss who blocked this country's joining the process of European integration in a 1992 referendum as heirs of those who perpetuated the legend of Switzerland - officially known in English as the Helvetic Confederation - as a porcupine, suspicious of and armed against its

> At the entrance to the exposition, visitors are See SWISS, Page 5



BELFAST - The IRA on Wednesday called a three-day halt to its campaign of violence to try to spur faltering peace efforts in Northern Ireland but the overture brought icy responses from Lon-

The Irish Republican Army issued a widely expected statement, saying it was unconditionally sus-pending "offensive military action" for 72 hours next week as a sign of its willingness to explore "the potential for moving the situation for-

But the group's first such ceasefire in 19 years was greeted with disappointment. Observers said it felt short of the permanent cessation of violence required under a stalled British-Irish peace initiative announced in December.

The move was the first sign of IRA flexibility over the December declaration, in which the British and Irish governments called on the IRA to lay down arms for good and join multiparty talks about the future of Northern Ireland.

But Prime Minister John Major. who was paying a surprise visit to Northern Ireland on Wednesday. said any temporary truce would be just a "brief public relations ges-

The Irish prime minister, Albert Reynolds, said in Dublin that he was disappointed.

Protestant politicians in North-

propaganda ploy designed to sug-gest the IRA was seriously seeking

The IRA statement, issued through the group's political wing, Sinn Fein, said the unconditional truce was meant to reaffirm its de-

sire to promote the quest for peace. As further evidence of this, we will unilaterally suspend offensive military action for 72 hours from midnight Tuesday, April 5 until midnight Friday, April 8," it said. Sinn Fein's leader, Gerry Ad-

ams, called on the British prime minister for "direct and immediate talks" following the announce-

"I call upon John Major to authorize direct and immediate talks between our party and his government representatives so that the peace process can be moved forward," the leader of the IRA's po-

He said the cease-fire offered "an important opportunity to break the stalemate in the peace

Mr. Major said only a permanent end to violence would suffice. "That is very much what I want, I believe it is what all people in Northern Ireland wish to see," he said after arriving in Belfast, where he was to address business execu-

"That is the message we wish to bear, not just a brief public relations gesture," he said

Major's Hold on Tories Shaken by EU Reversal

By Barry James Prime Minister John Major of Britain faced a growing revolt Wednesday in his governing Conservative Party after he was forced to back down in a dispute with other members of the European

Some members of Parliament and the predominantly pro-Conservative press openly speculated that Mr. Major might soon be toppled from within, just as he had helped to oust his predecessor, Margaret Thatcher.

Tony Marlow, a vehemently anti-Europe member of Parliament, called in Parliament for Mr. Major to "stand aside and make way for somebody else who provides authority and direction of leadership.

Mr. Marlow, who was also one of the first to call for Mrs. Thatcher's resignation, said in a radio interview Wednesday that up to 70 Conservative members of Parliament believed that Mr. Major was on the way out and were prepared to op-

"I don't see how he can go on much longer," Mr. Marlow added. "He has lost the confidence of the

Analysts said that if the Conservatives did badly in local elections in the and June European elections. as expected, Mr. Major might not survive the summer.

The new assault on the prime minister coincides with the introduction of a tax increase that has wounded Conservative popularity. Analysts said Mr. Major had brought the trouble on himself. Last week he threatened all-out op-

DEATH NOTICE

Samuel P. LYON 67, a director of Radio Free Europe for 30 years, died March 24, in Wakefield, RL

Hushand of Patricia F. Lyon, he is also survived by two daugthers, two sons, and nine grandchildren. He was buried in Shirley Center Cemetery, Shirley, Mass.

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would make it harder for individual

countries to block Community leg-

islation. In addition, he accused the

leader of the opposition Labor Party, John Smith, of being "Monsieur Oni, the poodle of Brussels." But at a meeting in Athens last weekend, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, was forced to accept a compromise that gave Britain little of the veto power it had de-

On Wednesday, the Daily Mail, usually a staunch Conservative supporter, ran a large front-page cartoon showing Mr. Major as a poodle being led by Jacques De-lors, the president of the European Commission, who is mistrusted by the Conservative right. The Mail described the government's retreat as a "surrender," and said the prime minister was "isolated and

The dispute has baffled other members of the European Union, who argue that voting procedures must be streamlined because of the planned entry of four more members in the Community next year In other European nations, the controversy is presented as evidence of a crisis in the British government rather than as a crisis in the Union, although the British stand came perilously close to de-laying the entry of Finland, Swe-den, Norway and Austria.

Mr. Major's 40 months in office have been littered with political twists and turns.

unpopular poll tax, then scrapped

• He vowed not to devalue the pound, and devalued it six days

 He introduced a much-ridiculed "back to basics" morality campaign, then later denied he wanted a crusade on personal mo-

 He promised the government was not planning to raise taxes. then presided over one of the biggest set of tax increases since World War II.

 He declared the government would never negotiate with Irish terrorists, two weeks before it was revealed that such negotiations had been taking place for three years.

Hotel his home.

surprise appearance last month, and has reputedly



A Mexico City resident reading a newspaper whose headline leaves no doubt about the governing party's choice for president.

For Mexico's New Candidate, a Big Leap

By Guy Gugliotta

Washington Post Service

MEXICO CITY — He was not the people's choice, because the people hardly know him. He was not the party's choice, because he wasn't an old pol. But he was the president's choice, and in Mexico, in the end, that is all that matters.

So Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León, 42. a career bureaucrat with a doctorate from Yale in economics and a practically nonexistent public profile, became the presidential candidate of the governing Institutional Revolutionary Party.

Mr. Zedillo is an accidental candidate, picked after his predecessor, Luis Donaldo Colosio, was assassinated at a campaign rally in Tijuana last week. Mr. Zedillo was Mr. Colosio's campaign manager. But accidental or not, Mr. Zedillo is the instant front-runner in the race for one of the most powerful elected offices in the world.

Critics dismiss him as a rather colorless technocrat and indifferent public speaker. but friends know him as a loyal soldier, an efficient bureaucrat and a valued member of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari's eco-

Mr. Zedillo's job will be to convert this mixed bag of qualifications into a winning candidacy. If he cannot do it. Mr. Salinas will have to decide whether to replace him, let him lose or ensure his victory with the strong-arm tactics that have won international notoriety for his party, known by its Spanish initials

Mr. Zedillo's strongest suit going into the campaign is his link to the successes of the Salinas government, given credit for opening the Mexican economy and bringing the nation from the brink of bankruptcy to a full partnership in the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Mr. Zedillo served Mr. Salinas as both idget and education secretary. That is why Mr. Salinas wanted Mr. Zedillo, and that is why he picked him. And that, in part, is why factions of the PRI do not like him.

Mr. Salinas listened to several unpleasant days of private grousing and public state-ments from various groups in the PRI about how he should "democratize the party." Then he picked Mr. Zedillo anyway, and the PRI endorsed him with scarcely a murmur in about four-and-a-half hours of neatly choreographed succession ritual, culminating with Mr. Zedillo's own brief remarks.

The candidate will have to overcome the resentment that these presidential power plays inspire. Mr. Zedillo also will have to endure the feelings expressed in some PRI circles that he is just another U.S.-educated egghead who has never run for political office or hung out at party headquarters.

This does not mean he cannot learn the game. He sounded just right in his short postnomination speech, repeatedly invoking Mr. Colosio's name and standing before a giant campaign portrait of the slain leader.
"We will not initiate a new campaign," Mr.
Zedillo said. "We will continue."

Mr. Zedillo was born in Mexico City on Dec. 27, 1951, the son of a construction foreman and a schoolteacher. He joined the PRI in 1971 and held various bureaucratic posts in PRI governments until Mr. Salinas tapped him as budget secretary in 1988.

What political experience he obtained began when he took over as education minister in 1992, began modifying the curriculum and got into a fight with traditional groups in Mexico over changes in history books.

He weathered this storm and in November resigned to run Mr. Colosio's campaign.

WORLD BRIEFS

Bonn Fears Attack on Israel Embassy

BONN (AP) —A threatened attack by Mideast terrorists led the police to seal off roads to the Israeli Embassy here and add protection to lewish

centers, officials said Wednesday. The Israeli Embassy was guarded by an additional cordon of police for a second day in a row. Police spokesmen said they had received information on a plot by an undisclosed terrorist group from the Mideast.

Security also was boosted at the Jewish community's headquarters in Frankfurt, said Michel Friedman, a spokesman there. Mr. Friedman would not disclose the nature of the threat but suggested that the police had uncovered plans for a bombing attempt.

Guatemala and Guerrillas Sign Pact

MEXICO CITY (WP) — The Guatemalan government and a coalition of four guerrilla groups have signed three United Nations-brokered peace documents designed to end Central America's oldest armed conflict.

The agreements, signed at the Mexican Foreign Ministry by the Guatemalan government and the guerrillas, include commitments to human rights monitoring and guerrilla demobilization, leading to a "lasting peace agreement" by the end of the year. The third document is a

Sources said the key to breaking a three-year impasse in the talks was the guerrillas' willingness to separate creation of a "historical elucidation commission" from the rest of the pact. The commission was to investigate past human rights abuses, a large number of them committed by government security forces or government-sponsored irregulars.

German Right Wants Jew Charged

BONN (Reuters) — A second German rightist party said Wednesday it wanted prosecutors to charge a Jewish leader, Ignatz Bubis, with racism and slander for accusing rightist groups of fueling neo-Nazi violence.

The National Democratic Party said it had filed a request for charges with Frankfurt prosecutors on Tuesday, the same day similar charges from another rightist leader were rejected by prosecutors in nearby

The moves were part of a dispute between Mr. Bubis, head of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, and rightist parties after the firebombing last week of a synagogue in Lübeck, the first such attack in Germany since the Nazi era. Mr. Bubis last week accused rightist parties of being the "spiritual arsonists" behind the firebombing.

Japanese Court Upholds Gay Rights

TOKYO (Reuters) — A Japanese court, making the nation's first ruling on gay rights, found Wednesday that Tokyo's education board had acted illegally when it barred a group of homosexuals from staying at a

The Tokyo District Court ruled that such a ban deprived homosexuals of the right to use a public facility and violated the principle of human rights enshrined in the constitution. It ordered the board to pay the plaintiffs 267,200 yen (about \$2,600) in compensation.

"Today's ruling clearly stated the rejection by the Tokyo government was illegal and the discrimination is unforgivable," said Takashi Kazama, 26, one of the three plaintiffs and a member of Japan's only association for homosexual men and women, called Occur. The municipal government had said it barred members of the group from the hostel in May 1990 for the same reason it banned mixed-gender groups from staying overnight in the same room.

TRAVEL UPDATE

EU Duty-Free Allowances to Increase BRUSSELS (AP) - Increased duty-free allowances for travelers

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entering the European Union, and for commuters within the 12-nation trade bloc will take effect Friday, in time for Easter holidays.

Under rates agreed by EU governments in February, people arriving from non-EU countries may bring 175 European currency units (\$200) worth of duty-free goods into the Union. That is nearly four times the current allowance of 45 Ecus, established in 1981.

The allowance covers not only items bought at airport duty-free shops, but also any shopping done abroad, even if the customer had already paid sales or value-added taxes on the purchases.

A bullet grazed a German tourist Tuesday in St. Thomas, the latest sign of a crime wave threatening tourism in the U.S. Caribbean possession. The tourist was hit when his bus passed a McDonalds restaurant where a fight among students was taking place, the police said.

Northwest Airlines and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines said they would add almost 50 percent more seat capacity on their daily flights to Amsterdam from Minneapolis-St. Paul and Boston to meet strong demand. (Reuten)

Five British airlines called for investigations by the European Commission into links between British Airways and the Galileo computer reservation system, which they fear are giving the carrier a competitive edge. Air UK, British Midland, Jersey European Airways, Loganair and Manx Airlines said the relationship between the system and its participating airlines should be made clearer to customers.

Norway is planning to scrap an ancient religious ban on dancing at Easter. "We plan to put a proposal to parliament later this spring to end the restrictions," said Ole Herman Fisknes of the Ministry of Education. Research and Church Affairs. A 1965 law in Norway, updating 1735 decrees about keeping the Sabbath holy, outlaws dancing in public. bingo, cinemas, circuses, cabarets, pop concerts and ice fishing contests at Easter, Christmas and other religious holidays.

Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City to 36 hours, down by half in five years, the Vietnam News Agency reported Wednesday. Rail authorities have invested \$3.64 million in upgrading the line.

Balladur, Trying to Stifle Protests, Revokes His Youth Job Plan Decree go ahead as planned to underscore On Wednesday, the government

By Alan Riding

Thursday, Prime Minister Edouard four French people under the age Balladur on Wednesday revoked a of 25 is out of work. government decree allowing young people to be paid less than the imum wage and proposed instead that employers be rewarded sharply for the first time since he for hiring those under the age of 25. took office one year ago. Having

three weeks of angry demonstrathe decree for a week to allow time for a new policy to be drawn up. But students continued disruptive He said he would keep a highly protests in many cities to press ing the minimum wage for young their demand for the decree's formal withdrawal. With students preparing a new

ass demonstration here Thursday, the announcement from Mr. them on the job market. Balladur's office had every appearcause talks between a top governstudents, trade unions and employers had barely begun.

While loudly proclaiming victory, however, many student lead-ers said Thursday's protest should their staffs.

for their studies. At present, one in month for nine months for every The three-week-old dispute has

proved costly to Mr. Balladur. whose popularity rating has fallen Thrown onto the defensive by abandoned policies in face of street tions, Mr. Balladur had suspended his latest retreat has added to an image of weakness.

Further, while intended to create job opportunities, his decree lowerening a long-docile and apolitical student population to the frustra- cit this year. tions and difficulties that await The so-called youth wage -

ance of being rushed, not least be-varying between 30 percent and 80 drubbed in parliamentary elections percent of the \$1,000 monthly last March, has jumped at the ment official and representatives of minimum wage, depending on chance of exploiting the govern-students, trade unions and employ-qualifications, had been designed ment's embarrassment. Jean Glato encourage employers to hire vany, the party's spokesman, de-young people at a time many were scribed Mr. Balladur's policies as looking to cut costs and shrink "three steps forward, three steps

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young people's demand for assured said it would instead pay compaPARIS — Hoping to forestall employment when they complete nies the equivalent of \$175 per young person given his or her first job. Describing the plan as "an incentive to anticipate the emerging economic recovery," it added that the subsidy would be \$350 per month for every job created before

> Michel Bon, the head of the Naprotests on two earlier occasions, tional Employment Agency who was given the job of finding a substitute for the youth wage, said the program could help as many as 500,000 youths and would cost around \$1 billion in 1994 alone. The government is already strug-gling with a \$50 billion budget deli-

> > The opposition Socialist Party. looking to revive itself after being

Malaysia Lifts 'Schindler' Ban **But Wants Cuts**

KUALA LUMPUR — Malaysia lifted its widely criticized ban on the Oscar-win-Holocaust film "Schindler's List" on Wednesday, but it remained uncertain if the movie would be screened. Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim said ministers

meeting to allow the film's screening in accordance with normal guidelines. These would require scenes of nudity and violence to be censored, government sources said. Roger Pollock, managing director of the film's local distributors. United Internation-

al Pictures, said in Singapore

that the director, Steven Spiel-

agreed at the weekly cabinet

berg, did not want any cuts. Mr. Anwar said the cabinet decision "is in keeping with the government's consistent opposition to all forms of sunpression, oppression and atrocities, past and present."

Vietnam has cut the time taken to travel the Reunification Express from

North Korea has suspended its visa service in the Portuguese enclave of Macao for reasons unknown and is advising travelers to apply in Beijing instead, the news agency Lusa said Wednesday.

(AP)

Mandela Rules Out Vote Delay and Urges Natal Intervention

JOHANNESBURG — Nelson Mandela THE MONKEY INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO said Wednesday there was no possibility of delaying South Africa's first all-race elec-THE ASTONISHED GUESTS by swinging from

tions to meet the demands of the Inkatha Freedom Party and the king of the Zulus. tree to tree in the lush tropical gardens beneath the "Any attempt to postpone the elections or drown them in blood cannot be countenanced," the African National Congress balconies of their first floor suites. He made his leader said in a speech read on his behalf at

a business meeting in Johannesburg. He made no specific reference to the carnage in Johannesburg, where 53 people were killed Monday in violence linked to a Zulu march in support of demands by the Zulu king, Goodwill Zwelithini, for a sov-

where at least 274 people have been killed in political violence this month. "Decisive steps need to be taken without

delay," Mr. Mandela said. "The South African government should exercise its jurisdiction to end the carnage and ensure normal political activity. "If the forces of peace act together." he said, "we might yet be saved from what would be a mutually debilitating conflict." The ANC said Mr. Mandela, 75, was

ereign state in Natal Province and the adjoining KwaZulu bomeland.

Mr. Mandela said action was necessary to provide security in Natal Province, which is overseeing preparations for the top provide security in Natal Province, which is overseeing preparations for the top provide security in Natal Province, which is overseeing preparations for the top provide security in Natal Province, which is overseeing preparations for the top provide security in Natal Province and the adjoining KwaZulu bomeland.

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Tuesday for the government to declare a views either way." state of emergency in Natal. King Zwelithini and the Inkatha leader,

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, are demanding an autonomous state in Natal and KwaZulu, heartland of South Africa's 8.5

Mr. Mandela said the ANC was "very night after trying to hold peace talks in a apprehensive about the unfolding events" hostel controlled by Inkatha, the police in the province. The group says rampant said Wednesday. The talks were taking

April 26-28 elections, gave its approval the people's right to express their political Chief Buthelezi, who accused the ANC

of planning the deaths of Zulu marchers during the violence in Johannesburg and its satellite townships Monday, has warned of more unrest if the elections go ahead in the province. Five ANC members were executed over-

ANC group, said the five ANC members were killed by three men who said they were avenging the deaths of the Zulus on He said he was in a group of seven men who were driven away from the hostel in a

van. The attackers halted the vehicle and ordered the victims out one by one. Mr. Shibe said he fell into a disch after a bullet grazed his skull. As the others left the truck, "the men

(Rewers, AP)

shot them in the head," he said.

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their male peers.

as legislators.

By Kevin Merida

ton culture, and it is complicating their work

Though this frustration has been ex-

than it possibly was," said Dianne Feinstein,

a first-term senator from California. "But I

Congress," Ms. Margolies-Mezvinsky says:

created a host of new housing, training and community development programs, which cost less than the tax credits but could set new policy directions for the poor. And while its plans to overhaul welfare and health care face significant hurdles in Congress, they would both be landmark anti-poverty efforts.

By Jason DeParle
New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — The Clin-

ton administration has em-

barked on the most energetic

anti-poverty effort in a genera-

tion, but it has deliberately done

much of it so quietly that few

in an era of painfully tight

people have noticed.

in another era, a Democratic White House might have pointed to such efforts to advertise its concern for the needy. But loath to invite unflattering compari-sons to past efforts Clinton officials take the opposite tack, bending over backward to frame their actions as part of an effort to help the broad middle class.

While mentioned often, for instance, the tax credit program was framed more as an effort to help working Americans than as a major onslaught against pover-

In talks with a half-dozen top anti-poverty officials, the word "poverty" scarcely comes up. Instead there is talk about "chil-

Out of the Budget Trenches

And Into a War on Poverty

"We don't term things a lot around here as anti-poverty," said Carol Rasco, the White House domestic policy adviser. But from the get-go we've talked about work."

With near unanimity, administration officials said it would be counterproductive for President Bill Clinton to talk too much about the poorest Americans, particularly the black and Hispanic residents of violent

The negative imagery associated with the "war on poverty" under President Lyndon B. Johnson is so great that most anti-poverty strategists endorse the middle-class wrappings, with only an occasional complaint that the nation is ignoring its racial and class conflicts.

The caution is not absolute, of course, and it may have started to give way. Mr. Clinton gave a major speech about poverty and violence in November in Memphis, Tennessee, and he returned to the theme of ghetto poverty in February when he visited a junior high school in Washington.

Beginning on Wednesday, a series of cabinet officials outlined efforts at a conference here, sponsored by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, for about 2,000 people who run housing and development programs.

In videotaped remarks, the president will praise their efforts to battle poverty and cynicism." And a draft of the keynote address, by Vice President Al Gore, indicates that he will use

But Clinton Team Keeps the Fight Low-Key tration's urban agenda. He argues that the programs amount to a "powerful approach to

breathe new life into distressed Henry Cisperos, secretary of Housing and Urban Development, calls the conference a coming-out party of sorts for the ad-ministration's "urban, community and anti-poverty" policies. "It marks a maturation,

gether," he said.

The list of initiatives is long and varied. Some programs focus on needy places, like the plan to spend \$3 billion over live years on empowerment zones. The program will give tax breaks and grants to 10 poor neighborhoods with promising revitaliza-

so the country can see the way

the president's plan comes to-

ton strategies.
Other programs seek to help needy people regardless of where they live. That is the case with the earned income tax credit. which gives cash payments of up to \$3,370 a year for families with incomes from \$8,400 to \$11,000. The payments phase out for families with higher incomes, ending for those who earn more than

The administration also is spending an additional \$2.5 biltion over the next five years on food stamps, \$580 million on vaccinations and \$1 billion for programs to prevent foster care. Its welfare proposal, still in draft form, seeks to spend \$15 billion over five years for education. though its financing remains un-

within 60 days or referred to an plying in record numbers, some immigration judge under the threat brought by smugglers, some using

and Naturalization Service.

months on average to process an

asylum claim, and recently the asy-

lum system has been adding almost

His record of consecutive votes of deportation. Anything the appli- fake documents, and some overcants say in the interviews, such as staying the visas granted to them as describing how they got into the visitors," said Doris Meissner, country, can be used against them commissioner of the Immigration It now takes from 18 to 24

tinne his streak, House leaders postponed business March 1. The day he missed voting, President Bill Clinton visited him in the hospital and presented him the Presidential Citizens' Medal.

In his appearance and his ac- my idol in the rock world."

"While I think we've all made dents in differ-"While I think we've all made dents in different ways, there's just no question that it's a Johnson," said Deborah Pryce of Ohio, who ings. Representative Maria Cantwell, Demo-WASHINGTON - They have been mis-

'Women-Friendly' Congress? Still 'a Ways to Go'

taken for congressional aides, denied access to members-only elevators, kept out of intel-ligence briefings and belittled by some of part of the periphery."

Since 1916, when Jeannette Rankin, a Republican of Montana, became the first woman elected to Congress, 163 women have the kind of thing we just need to be vigilant she, too, was a lawmaker.

Served in the House and Senate — out of about."

she, too, was a lawmaker.

Ms. Margolies-Mezvinsky takes Repre-Amid the excitement about the record served in the House and Senate - out of number of women elected to the 103d Conmore than 11,000 lawmakers who have been gress, some female legislators say they are frustrated by the male-dominated Washingsent to Washington.

Fifty-five women now are serving, a record number, compared with 31 two years ago. Still, women make up only 10 percent of the membership, and some say that their pressed before, a new book by a freshman representative, Marjorie Margolies-Mez-vinsky, Democrat of Pennsylvania, and a credentials as legislators have not insulated them from the kind of male insensitivities that women confront everywhere.

recent episode involving Representatives Fortney H. (Pete) Stark J., Democrat of California, and Nancy L. Johnson, Republi-During a recent hearing on health care of a subcomittee of the House Ways and Means Committee, the panel's chairman, Mr. Stark, can of Connecticut, have fueled talk about suggested that Mrs. Johnson had obtained whether women are properly respected in her knowledge of the issue through "pillow talk" with her husband, a physician. Congress.
"I think it's much more women-friendly Mrs. Johnson, one of the Republican Par-

ty's leading health-care experts, had disagreed with a provision in Mr. Stark's health think it has a ways to go."

In her book, "A Woman's Place — The Freshmen Women Who Changed the Face of plan. He later apologized to her for his remark, and she dropped the matter. But several of her Republican female colleagues re-

male bastion and we're still being treated as said the apology did not go far enough. crat of Washington, recounts how a lawmak-part of the periphery." when it's said in a public hearing to a woman, it denigrates all the women in the House session and said he was about to have House and all the women in America. This is her "thrown off the floor" until he realized

> Ms. Pryce, a new Republican member, got 34 colleagues to sign a letter to Mr. Stark demanding a public apology "to remove the intimidating cloud of sexism that darkens VOIR CODITOL

> Mr. Stark refused to comment further on the incident or the letter. Not a single Democratic woman signed the letter, angering some Republican women. Some Democratic women said they had not seen Ms. Pryce's letter; others said they thought Mr. Stark's apology had made the letter pointless.
> Female lawmakers of both parties often

> are reluctant to use the charged word "sexism" when describing the slights and insults they have absorbed. But they have stories. Many are chronicled in Ms. Margolies-Mezvinsky's book.

Representative Elizabeth Furse, Democrat of Oregon, a member of the Armed Services Committee, relates how she has been stopped "by people in uniform" when

sentative James M. Inhofe, Republican of Oklahoma, to task in the book for publicly referring to her as "that three-M girl." She describes the reference as "demeaning and pathetically behind the times."

"It's very obvious she is a female," Mr. Inhofe said in an interview. "A female is a girl. I am a boy. I don't know what's offensive about that." Rushing into the House chamber for a vote, he added: "There is still, despite what they say, a difference between girls and boys. Write that down."

Representative Patricia Schroeder, Democrat of Colorado, who is serving her 21st year in Congress, remembers when a committee chairman told her that "if I would use my uterus rather than my mouth I could get more of my amendments passed.

Compared to that, she said, the comments of Mr. Stark and Mr. Inhofe seem like progress. "Things aren't perfect," she said, "but they're moving in the right direction."

William H. Natcher, 84, Congressman, Is Dead

WASHINGTON - Represen- proached Congress with the seritative William H. Natcher, 84, a

Democratic lawmaker who earned a place in the Guinness Book of World Records for his unbroken string of 18,401 votes in Congress, died Tuesday of heart failure. The Kentucky congressman's

death was peaceful and in the tary.
company of his family and Albert Goldman, 66, friends," according to a statement from his office. Mr. Natcher was chairman of the

House Appropriations Committee, which controls most discretionary spending. His record 40-year string of consecutive floor votes ended March 3 when his failing health prevented him from reaching the Capitol. A day earlier, he was wheeled

for what would be his final vote, hooked to an oxygen bottle and intravenous tubes.

and quorum calls earned him an entry in the Guinness Book of World Records. The House halted business to honor him when the voting streak hit 18,000 in June. In an effort to allow him to con-

ousness and awe he brought with him when he first arrived there at 45, on Jan. 6, 1954.

In 40 years on Capitol Hill, he never took a campaign contribu-tion, filmed a political advertisement or even hired a press secre-

Biographer of Presley New York Times Service

Albert Goldman, 66, the author of no-holds-barred biographies of Lenny Bruce, Elvis Presley and John Lennon, died Monday of heart failure while traveling from Miami to London.

Mr. Goldman's "Elvis" (1981), a long work written in a superonto the House floor on a gurney charged, impressionistic style, provoked outrage from fans of the rock legend, who saw their idol portrayed as a self-indulgent, barely talented rube with perverse sexual inclinations and a gargantuan

drug habit. Mr. Goldman was born in Dormont, Pennsylvania, and grew up in Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania. "Ladies and Gentlemen, Lenny

Bruce!!," which was published in 1974, won praise for its portrait of a complex and difficult man. His next biography, on John

Lennon, would be different, he said, adding, "John Lennon was



RUNNING — James B. McDougal speaking to reporters in Little Rock this week before he announced his bid for a seat in the U.S. Congress. The Arkansas partner of the Clintons in the

Swamped by Backlog, U.S. Sets Plan To Speed Up Political-Asylum Process

to justify deportation.

Other aspects of the package pre-viously disclosed by the adminis-

tration include a new \$130 applica-

By Roberto Suro Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Asserting that the political-asylum system is suffering massive abuse, the Clinton administration has announced a package of measures designed to produce such strict and swift judgments that it will deter many from filing fraudulent claims.

3. Officials acknowledged this week that the asylum system might remain swamped under a backlog of cases unless the new measures produced a dramatic reduction in the number of new applications.

"That is policy-making by pious hope because the system will re-main open to abuse even as it retreats from the humanitarian spirit of asylum," said Arthur C. Helton, director of migration programs at the Open Society Institute.

He was one of several critics who argued that the administration's plan is based on unrealistic assumptions and unnecessary restric-

Under the new rules, asylum seekers can be denied the right to plead their cases in personal interviews if asylum officers decide they are making "frivolous" cases on the basis of written applications. They would then be put into deportation

No definition of "frivolous" is included in the new regulations that go into effect after a 60-day comment period.

view will either be granted asylum

"The problem we have faced in three cases to the backlog for every

legitimate claim to asylum are ap- backlog to about 370,000 cases.

WASHINGTON - The ClA and other national-security agencies are protesting a draft presidential directive that would make public within four years millions of documents stamped secret during the 1950s and 1960s. according to senior U.S. officials.

The unpublished directive is intended to fulfill a cam-

paign promise by President Bill Clinton to promote a more open style of government and increase public access to federal documents. It would limit the types of documents that can be kept secret and, for the first time, require automatic declassification at intervals of either 6, 10 or 25 years. The draft, prepared by the National Security Council

staff and circulated two weeks ago to senior officials throughout the government, has won some praise from a handful of independent experts on government secrecy who are privy to its contents.
"It reflects a serious, good-faith effort to open up the

national-security bureaucracy," Steven Aftergood, an an-Applicants who do get an inter-

POLITICAL NOTES alyst at the Federation of American Scientists, said Tues-Keepers of Secrets Fight the Light

But the draft is running into opposition from some of the officials who now handle classified documents, sources said. Lawyers at the CIA and the departments of Justice, Defense and State are all said to be drafting detailed complaints and have been asked to submit their

responses to the White House within the next two weeks.
"All of them have indicated there are issues they want to talk about," said a White House official, who added that only the Department of Energy has not signaled any substantial concern.

The draft reflects a White House tilt toward greater openness since last year, when two earlier drafts were sharply criticized as too restrictive (WP)

Frustration for Environmentalists

WASHINGTON — Disappointed by an administra-tion and a Congress that they had hoped would be better allies, lobbyists for major environmental organizations

have reluctantly agreed to narrow their sights and choose their battles more carefully.

The groups had high expectations last year for tougher laws in many areas, including toxic wastes, mining, water. pesticides, wilderness preservation and endangered spe-

But many glumly admitted, as lawmakers left Washington for a two-week recess, that much of the legislation was going nowhere fast, and that they were now resigned to gaining far less this year than they had expected. (NYT)

Quote/Unquote

Representative Robert G. Torricelli, a New Jersey Democrat, contending that increasingly favorable ratings of the Democratic Party stand in contrast to the continuing hostility of many voters to elected officials: "Somene seemed to change almost permanently between the fall of Jim Wright and the House bank scandal; the tone of public discourse was altered."

Away From Politics

 The Cable News Network founder, Ted Turner, dismissed concerns that CNN might compromise its coverage of China after a compet-ing network decided to withdraw BBC broadcasts from China in an apparent move to mollify Beijing. Mr. Turner, in Tokyo on a tour of Asia, pointed to CNN's aggressive coverage of the 1989 military crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in China. We stayed there and televised until we were unplugged forcibly." he said. "A few weeks later we were welcomed back in."

 Police have a videotane recorded by a cash machine security camera of the carjacking and murder of two 19-year-old Japanese students at a supermarket parking lot in Los Angeles. The police declined to comment, but a bank spokesman said the students and whoever attacked them could be seen on the footage.

Aithough most parents are advised to get their babies to sleep in

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RAGE AND FIRE:

A Life of Louise Colet, Pioneer Feminist, Literary Star, Flaubert's Muse

By Francine du Plessix Gray. 432 pages. \$27.50. Simon & Schuster

Reviewed by Isabelle de Courtivron

WHEN Flaubert was writing "Madame Bovary" in the early 1850s, he chronicled this arduous, painstaking process in a remarkable series of letters to his lover, Louise Colet. He also addressed to her his reflections on the craft of literature ("The author in his work must be like God in the universe, everywhere present and nowhere visible") - maxims that have become sacred to generations of critics, writers, professors and graduate students. As a result, Louise Colet has been known in literary history chiefly as the recipient of

• Thomas Wallace, New York

literary agent, is reading "When the Century Was Young" by Dee

bert's tempestuous and exigent mistress and muse.

What Francine du Plessix Grav's biography reminds us about is the extent to which many of these statements about literary impersonality and objectivity were made by Flaubert in sheer distaste for what he considered to be Coler's (and Romanticism's) execrable tendency to confuse art and life. imagination and reality, and against what he judged to be her facile confessional style and her feminist sensibilities. Indeed by the time she met the young Gustave Flaubert. Louise Colet was wellestablished as one of France's leading women poets. She had received the coveted prize of the Académie Française twice (and would receive it two more times) and was the hostess of one of the most distinguished salons in Paris, attended by luminaries such as Leconte de Lisle, Theophile Gauthier and Alexandre Dumas. She was avant-garde in her views

about the freedom of women to love and work, and had consistentsuch pronouncements, and as Flau-

By Alan Truscott WHEN the auction begins with

er often has a delicate problem:

Should he open the bidding with a

three passes, the fourth play-

practice. After ending a mediocre

marriage that had represented her passport to Paris." she was raising

her daughter single-handedly, con-

ducting a number of affairs with talented, often younger men and, at

the age of 36, enjoying the most

productive phase of her writing life.

What drew this most unlikely

couple together is an enigma, which

du Plessix Gray attributes to their

common experience of being "out of sync" with their time. Colet was

Mediterranean, eccentric, combat-

ive, fiercely passionate and inde-

pendent, exuberantly Romantic and an outspoken feminist. Flau-

bert, 11 years her junior, was an unpublished provincial, prodi-

borderline hand? He knows that the points are scattered fairly evenly around the table, and that his partner is likely to be in the 8-11 range. A game for either side is most unlikely, so it is a question of a part-score.

The line of least resistance, is to pass, particularly if the hand is short in spades. On the diagramed deal from a regional event South gambled with a bid of two hearts, a stead he led the club queen. This weak two-bid that would normally be based on a six-card suit. The gamble would have failed if West had bid two spades, which would have succeeded, but two hearts became the contract.

The opening lend was the spade

style and emotion, who lived with his mother near Rouen and who, by his own admission, feared (but was nevertheless drawn to) strong intellectual women. He would eventually become one of the most enduring literary figures of the 19th century, and Colet sensed it immediately. Their relationship was every-

giously cultivated, restrained in

thing but harmonious. Perhaps their talents were not evenly matched, but neither were their so-Flaubert enjoyed the support of mestic stability. He availed himself of prostitutes and actresses who did

not make emotional demands and was able to control his time, emotions and talent. Colet, although she established some exceptional friendships, endured penurious conditions and suffered from the mockery of many of her peers. But, most of all, she dissipated her immense energy and gifts in the pur-suit of passion and the business of

Du Plessix Gray charts the several personalities that Colet created cial or material circumstances. for herself over the course of her long and tempestuous lifetime: strong male friendships and of a young muse salon hostess, political protective mother who ensured do- activist, Romantic Mistress, journalist, revolutionary agitator, travel writer, even moralist grandmoth-

king, taken by the ace, and South teammates to a victory in the fourled a diamond. West might well session Swiss Team Championship. have put up the king, but he played which began the 1994 tournament low and dummy's nine was fi- year in Manhattan. nessed. East won with the queen.

West was Peter Bambrick, and

he found the essential series of plays to defeat the contract. He overtook the jack with the queen, and was sure that his partner had no more: With J-10-6 East would have played the jack on the first round. But he did not immediately round. But he did not immediately return a spade, which would have left East without a good play. Inwas covered by the king, and when East had scored the ace and jack he played a third club for a ruff. Now, at the right moment. West played another spade and East's ruff de-

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their own cribs as soon as possible, a new study suggests that it may be healthier for the infants to sleep with their parents. The study, directed by Dr. James J. McKenna and Dr. Sarah Mosko of the University of California at Irvine, monitors the sleep patterns of mothers with their 3-month-old babies. "When sleeping alone, babies sleep too long, and in much too deep of a sleep," Dr.

er. Through determination, will try into (and remain in) Parisian

an important figure of the Roman-tic movement. Though du Plessix In the end, Louise fell thr Gray does not make any grand claims for Colet's ocuvre, she clearly admires the character and energy of a woman who asserted for herself the freedom of art and sexuality even though she was acutely

conscious that she needed the patronage of famous men to gain en- passions for men of gennus, she

power and what her biographer society. It was a balancing act calls a "modest talent," she became many other talented women writers In the end, Louise fell through the cracks of the literary establishment and endured ostracism, most especially from Flaubert's coterie.

Like other 19th-century heroines and pioneers, who were victims not only of the prejudices of their day but also of their own misguided

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lation that permeates Colet's nomadic last years is chilling, demonstrating the high price she paid for braving society's distaste for eccentric, uppity and talented women.

Isabelle de Courtivron, who teaches literature at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, wrote this for The Washington Post.

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North Korea Officials Shed Their Kim Il Sung Badges

SEOUL - The ubiquitous Kim Il Sung badges long worn by North Koreans have mysteriously disappeared from the lapels of Pyongyang officials at international conferences, the South's You-

hap news agency said Wednesday. The agency quoted South Korean officials who attended two recent meetings in Paris — those of the International Parliamentary Union and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - as saying the lapel badges bearing the likeness of Mr. Kim were conspicuous by their absence.

A total of 15 North Koreans attended the two conferences. Park Chung Soo, a South Korean parliament member who headed his country's delegation to the International Parliamentary Union conference, speculated that the disappearance of the badges signaled a period of transition from Kim II Sung to his son and heir-apparent. Kim Jong II. (AFP, Reuters)

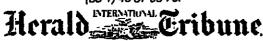
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From War to Peace: Muslims and Croats Approve Constitution By David B. Ottaway

Washington Post Service

SARAJEVO. Bosnia-Herzegovina -Bosnia's Muslims and Croats formally approved the constitution of their U.S.-brokered federation here Wednesday, consolidating a remarkable reconciliation between the two communities, which had been fighting a vicious war for the past

The new federation came into existence as an American delegation, led by the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Madeleine Albright, and the U.S. chief of staff, General John Shalikashvilli, inaugurated the new U.S. Embassy building in central Sarajevo, the first to open since the Bosnian conflict began two years ago this April.

The federation agreement followed an accord earlier Wednesday between Croatian officials and Serbian rebels on a cease-fire plan. Russian and American diplomats hailed the accord as another step toward a solution of the two-year-old stalemate in Croatia and the war in Bosnia.

Serbian and Croatian negotiators agreed to withdraw their fighters a kilometer from from the line.

Although the agreement does not yet as an important first step in resolving the stalemate in the former Yugoslav republic, where Croatian Serbian rebels have occupied 27 percent of the country, an area own as Krajina, for nearly three years.

The Muslim-Croatian federation was launched at the onset of what appears to be a new Bosnian Serbian offensive against the Muslim enclave of Gorazde, one of the three UN-designated "safe areas" in east-em Bosnia. UN officials said "fierce fightwas under way there, with 500 artiling" was under way there, with 500 artillery shells fired into the enclave Tuesday, prove its constitution and began functionname Bosnian Muslims now wish to be while the Bosnian Army commander, Rasim Delic, said the Serbs were attacking from three sides.

from Sarajevo to Pale, the Bosnian Serbian

the long confrontation line. Heavy weapons will be pulled 10 kilometers (6 miles)

The federation approved unanimously late 1990 brought together 76 former Mussimilar to Croatia's. Wednesday is so far the main accomplishment of the U.S. diplomatic initiative in for the first time since January 1992. bring a durable peace to Croatia, it is seen the Balkans. It was voted on after the Bosnian parliament was transformed into a constituent assembly empowered to ap-

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om three sides.

The federation presently covers only the third of Bosnia's territory controlled by Redman, is scheduled to travel Thursday either the government or Croatian forces, the political, historical and cultural ten-But it will become the government for the sions the federation is certain to find itself "capital." for exploratory talks with their 60 percent of the country's prewar populaleader, Radovan Karadzic, about a possible "union" between the Croatian-Muslim

The three-day meeting in Sarajevo of the

Stitution, the two communities have just one month now to agree on a new common the center, while that of Bosnian Croats' leadership.

lim deputies, 40 Croatians and seven others

There were moments of tension as old friends-turned-enemies met again to make peace after much bloodshed and a lot of "ethnic cleansing" of each other's towns and villages, which has turned tens of thou-sands of Muslims and Croats into displaced persons and refugees abroad.

The two sides also heatedly disputed whether the flag of the Bosnian Croats' self-proclaimed "republic of Herceg-Bos-nia" should be displayed. In the end, both its flag and that of the "Bosniacs," the present Bosnian one.

The effect of this was only to highlight

Many ardeat Bosnian Croatian nationalists had favored partitioning Bosnia into three parts and the merging of the Croatian territories into Croatia proper. Some Bosnian Muslims, on the other hand, are fundamentalists who want to turn Bosnia into an Islamic republic.

The multiethnic and multireligious federation the two communities are now forming will make the goals of both these extremist tendencies impossible to fulfill

The federation provides for power-sharing between the two communities with the president rotating each year and all minisname Bosnian Muslims now wish to be ters and their deputies chosen from differ-called, were put up on either side of the ent ethnic groups. Croats, who represent only 17 percent of the prewar population. will have an equal vote to Muslims in one of two houses in parliament.

> With the assembly's approval of the constitution, the two communities have just

Papandreou Calls Macedonian State 'Real and Present Danger' to Greece

ATHENS -- Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou says he feels compelled to impose a trade embargo on the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia because the newly independent state's policies poses a "real and present danger to Greece."

The Clinton administration opposes the embargo and named Matthew Nimetz as special mediator. Mr. Nimetz held his first meeting with the Greek prime minister president, Kiro Gligorov, in the

capital, Skopje. Mr. Papandreou, who will pay

his first official visit to the United States in April. explained in an interview what prompted his action. He said he acted last month to deny landlocked Macedonia access to its nearest outlet to the sea, the Greek port of Salonika, after the recognition of the state by six fel-low members of the European

Union. "Then we knew the thing had been buried deep." Mr. Papandreou said. "There was no longer an interest in the issue, and I had to Tuesday night after conferring ear- tell the world somehow that there is lier in the day with the Macedonian an issue, an issue of security, of stability in the region."

Greece denies to the state on its northern border the right to call

itself "Macedonia," and the prime minister and other Greek officials refer to it as "Skopje."

Greek officials contend that the new state's choice of name and symbols of sovereignty masks a hidden ambition to lay claim to the Greek province of Macedonia and Salonika, its capital, which lies on the Aegean Sea. Mr. Papandreou conceded that the present government of the small, impoverished state represented no threat. But he cited Balkan turbulence and added that the menace came "in conjunction with other powers."

"I would prefer not to name them," he said. Greeks traditionally distrust Bulgaria and Albania. which also border on Macedonia and tend to see the hand of Turkey, its historic foe, in all situations in which they perceive a menace to

Mr. Papandreou repeated Greece's recognition of its neigh-bor's independence and willingness to help it economically. He af-firmed an offer to lift the embargo if Macedonia changed its flag. which features a 16-pointed star discovered after World War II in archaeological excavations near Salonika and never before used in the Yugoslav republic, and excised from its constitution clauses that Athens interprets as claiming rights beyond its borders.

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Sales of dishes in what is Europe's poorest country are estimated to have risen from zero two years ago to a staggering 25,000. One man was seen leaving a shop with a satellite dish strapped to the back of his don-

For many, a satellite dish has become a necessity. Ylber Xhameta, a 28-year-old businessman, said the dish was the second luxury item he bought, after a car: he and his family watch TV in their crowded apartment while the women do piecework tailoring.

"We can see films, concerts, sports events all day and night with the satellite," said Mr. Xhameta. Albania's lone channel, he added, "lacks many of these things."

It is a far cry from the days of Enver Hoxha, the Communist dictator who died in 1985. He watched foreign television on a

specially installed cable, but to keep the masses from being exposed to outside ideas, he banned TV antennas, and had French and Italian broadcasts

A burgeoning community of traders constitutes the bulk of satellite-dish buyers, together with farmers and families lucky enough to have relatives abroad sending them money.

Around Europe

Some fought in the Falklands War, others in the Guif; now they wage a different battle. Former career soldiers now account for one in three of Britain's homeless. British forces have been reduced by 17,000 since 1990, and an additional 7,000 soldiers are set to go by the end of next year. Partly because of the great mobility of the British military -- 20 moves in 20 years is not unusual - few own their own homes.

More than 1,300 army flats were "illegally" occupied in 1992 by soldiers who refused to leave or by their divorced wives. The housing shortage in Britain con-tributes to the problem. Switzerland has made it easier

for foreigners to buy property. Laws passed 30 years ago placed tight controls on such sales, though only 5 percent of Swiss property is now in foreign hands. The new law, reports Die Welt of Hamburg, allows foreigners who live in the country or who have lived there for at least five years

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A German reporter says he was able to obtain a total of 41 days' sick leave from five doctors even though he told them he was perfectly well. Michael Stange of the daily Bild said that one doctor gave him a slip authorizing 12 days off without examining him. and congratulated him for his candor in admitting that he was not really sick. An estimated 900,000 healthy German workers call in sick each day.

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BEAR: Escape the Bite

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beneficiaries of declining interest rates," he said. "Stocks and bonds rose in reaction to falling rates and a huge amount of money fled bank deposits in search of higher yields."

He said the boom times are over for them, especially in light of the recent interest rate increases by the Federal Reserve Board. It is a bit easier to spot mutual

funds that manage down markets skillfully, according to Morning-star Inc., a mutual fund research firm based in Chicago. A few mutual funds even make money in bear

One on the list that is doing well this year is Dreyfus Capital Value, managed by Mr. Salvigsen. It is up about 4 percent so far this year. Many fund managers have

stockpiled cash recently, according to several fund managers. This puts them in a good position to handle redemptions without being forced

There are two basic stock investing styles — "growth," which emphasizes the shares of companies that are growing quickly, and "value," which focuses on stocks temporarily selling at a discount to

The most successful stock investors, such as Warren Buffett, combine the two styles. They buy highly profitable companies selling at a discount. That way they get strong earnings growth without paying

"No one can predict a bear market, so you want a margin of safety when buying stocks," said Seth Klarman, head of the Baupost Group in Cambridge, Massachusetts. "The idea is that you pay a price low enough that something can go wrong — like a bear market
— and you won't get mauled."

SWISS: Debunking Myths

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greeted by a plywood caricature of Tell, offering a basket of real apples, and a statement by Mr. Pavilion noting that the opponents of European integration had used "the most wornout cliches on the founding of the Confederation and the porcupine spirit, as if historical research had produced nothing

The standard version of history, as summarized by Professor Meyer. is that, incensed over brutal repression by the Hapsburg emperor's envoys, the peasants of three cantons in central Switzerland stormed and destroyed the castles of Hapsburg satraps, and, on Aug. 1, 1291, gathered on Rütli Meadow in Uri Canton and took a solemn oath to unite against foreign oppression and form a free and democratic,

egalitarian and independent state. "That is false," Professor Meyer said. "It is not a question of inte pretation but demonstrably false." He said that few historians would dispute the mythical character of the founding history.

In the version accepted by most historians, no Hapsburg oppressors lived in central Switzerland in the 13th century, nor was there an uprising. What patriotic writers described as foreigners' castles were manor houses owned by Swiss. They were not attacked but gradually abandoned for the same reason that made the Hapsburgs attach little importance to their Swiss holdings -- the poverty and unproductivity of central Switzerland.

The alliance of 1291 was merely an agreement after the death of a Hapsburg emperor to unite for selfdefense because the Hapsburgs had so little interest in protecting the

Professor Meyer said that no evidence has been unearthed that the Tell figure existed. He became linked to the founding of Switzer-land through his mythical assassi-nation of the nonexistent Austrian envoy in the 15th century. In later centuries, the professor said, Tell was put through many other guises, was made to die a martyr's death. and achieved near-saintly status in the Roman Catholic Church.

The professor said he knew that he was treading on even more deli-cate ground in demythifying the Rütli meadow saga. So sacred is the meadow, that, when World War II began, the commanding general of the Swiss Army gathered all officers there to pledge them to defend

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1291 except some cows grazing."



NOODLES: A Factory's Twists and Turns Show Path of Russian Reform

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area, incumbent managers were tossed out at 29 factories, an offi-

The turmoil at Vermani in some ways is what reformers in Moscow hoped for when they launched the fastest and most ambitious sell-off of state property ever attempted. The reformers wanted to break the mentality of the old Soviet fiveyear plans, cut industry's dependence on central planning and open the way for a new generation of entrepreneurial managers who would embrace notions of supply and demand, profit and risk.

But the Vermani story also shows tremendous roadblocks in the system that keep privatized firms from operating as a college textbook might predict. A monop-oly flour supplier, entrenched state and local bureaucracies and an overall economic slump have conspired against an early rebound for the noodle plant.

If the ultimate goal of privatization was to provide jobs, increase production and build a constituency for change. Vermani cannot vet be judged a success. Its payroll has declined from 320 to 300, and it is operating at less than half its capacity, according to its new general director, Vladimir Kuzmin, 38.

Vermani's chief engineer, allowed himself a half-smile as he explained the biggest difference now. "It's certainly not boring," he said. From Mr. Kuzmín's spaghetti

Still, Mr. Kuzmin, until recently

Large men guard the front door. and the Alfa fund to squeak into director at Vermani, but they did DHL envelopes and Filofax note- office. books bespeak an international

When President Boris N. Yeltsin issued privatization vouchers to every Russian as a stake in the Soviet economy being dismantled. Alfa swung into action, offering to buy vouchers in exchange for shares in an investment fund. Aided by a Western-designed television campaign, Alfa wound up with 2.3 million vouchers, making it one of the largest of the new stock funds. Using rubles and vouchers. Alfa

companies, taking positions on the boards of directors of 10, Mr. Smolkin said. Eventually, it hopes to establish a brand name linking the factories and signifying quality. Alfa liked Vermani because it was one of the country's five big-

bought sizable stakes in about 50

gest pasta makers; because it was outside Moscow, where prices are inflated, and because it already owned modern Italian pasta-making equipment.

At the auction last June, the factory workers and managers held onto more than half the stock. thanks to preferential prices built into the privatization program. The local government kept 20 percent, and Alfa emerged with about 25 percent for an investment of about \$250,000. That was enough to shake things up.

By December, Alfa's managers had decided that the incumbent general director, Alexander Knu- a fight," he said. line, it is 400 kilometers and 2 tov, was not the man to lead Verworld away to the gleaming desk of mani into the future. And on Dec. ciers shrugged off the criticism. Igor Smolkin, the 24-year-old fi
19, the chief engineer, Mr. Kuzmin, They said they hoped they would

nance director of Alfa Capital. forged a coalition of young workers not have to install yet another new

only supplier within hundreds of kilometers, stopped selling flour afhead of the mill was more interested in supporting Vermani's old di-rector than in doing business with trolling stake in his company for an it, Mr. Kuzmin said.

Then the local Anti-Monopoly Committee, still worried about social unrest, clamped a 15 percent profit limit on Vermani to keep prices down, arguing that, as the only noodle maker in Nizhni, the factory constitutes a monopoly. Meanwhile, the local bread bu-

reaucracy, having turned itself into a "private association," offered to intercede with the Anti-Monopoly Committee to raise the profit limit to 30 percent, if, Mr. Kuzmin said. Vermani kicked back 7 percent to the association.

"To us, naturally, this is rob-bery," he said, explaining his refusal to pay.

But Mr. Kuzmin's biggest worry now is his backer of three months ago, Alfa Capital. In a Russian version of Main Street versus Wall Street, Mr. Kuzmin accused Alfa of unwarranted interference.

So Mr. Kuzmin has barred Alfa's representatives from strolling the factory floor, in a move he hopes will impede their stock purchases from workers. He is trying to knock one of Alfa's two representatives off the board, "We're ready to stage

Back in Moscow, Alfa's finan-

not rule out the possibility. But Mr. Kuzmin is not entirely Meanwhile, Mr. Kuzmin has happy. First, he said, the Saratov hired Tetrapak to design a bright flour mill, still state-owned and the yellow box for his spaghetti, complete with a new company logo. He is advertising in underserved marter Mr. Knutov was ousted. The kets in Siberia and northern Russia. And he is seeking to attract trolling stake in his company for an investment of \$3.5 million.

"But that's just a starting offer," Mr. Kuzmin added. "We're prepared to negotiate."

Gunmen Murder 2 Schoolgirls Who Went Unveiled in Algiers

By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service

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PARIS - Suspected Muslim fundamentalists in Algeria killed two unveiled schoolgirls on Wednesday, marking a bloody enforcement of a vow made last month that women who do not cover their heads in public would join a long list of targets that includes the Algerian Army, police, intellectu-als, artists, journalists and foreign-

The murders of the two girls, Raziqa Meloudjemi, 18, and Naima Kar Ali, 19, were not the first of women by fundamentalists seeking to overthrow the government. About 30 women have been killed in the last two years either because of their association with secularist causes or with men who were targets of the fundamental-

But the assassination of the two girls marks the first unmistakable targeting of women in a public street in the capital for failing to cover their heads.

The girls were killed at a bus station in Algiers by gunmen riding a motorbike.

A senior political Algerian figure said Wednesday that the nation was headed toward a Yugoslav pattern of dismemberment that could degenerate within a few months into warfare embroiling fundamentalists, secularists, army officers and large segments of the country's ethnic Berbers. Said Saadi, leader of the Assem-

bly for Culture and Democracy. spoke during a brief visit to Paris to seek popular and governmental heated debate in the ruling circle of support to retain Algeria's secularist character. The Assembly for ing to knowledgable Algerians and gerian officials said Wednesday.

Culture and Democracy is a vehe-mently anti-fundamentalist political party that advocates the total separation of mosque and state.
It is not a secret that several

self-defense groups are forming in Algeria," said Mr. Saadi. "Self-de-fense groups are mushrooming wherever the government appears to have resigned its functions in maintaining law and order. There is nothing that says that democrats cannot defend themselves with

Giving some credence to his predictions, a secularist vigilante group called the Organization of Free Young Algerians vowed Wednesday in tracts distributed in Algiers to kill 30 veiled women and Muslim fundamentalist men. The group has taken responsibility in the past few months for acts of violence against fundamentalists. Mr. Saadi's comments carry par-

ticular weight because his party en-joys considerable support among Algeria's 3 million to 4 million Berbers, of the mountainous Kabiliya region. While they are devout Muslims, the Berbers are nevertheless fiercely secularist and are Franco-philes in their political and cultural orientations.

In the past few months, Mr. Saadi's party has also gained many rents among secularist Algerians who oppose what he describes as "the Islamic project for Algeria."
This is because Mr. Saadi is one of the few declared opponents of both the government and fundamentalists who still lives in Algeria.

These developments are taking place against the background of a heated debate in the ruling circle of

ters on ways of dealing with the challenge by fundamentalists. whose violence has caused the deaths of about 4,000 people in the last two years and brought a creep-

ing paralysis over the functioning of the state. Over the last year the insurgency has turned into a near-civil war and also brought the death and injury of at least 33 foreigners who were specifically targeted by the funda-mentalists in an attempt to discourage any foreign support for the

According to several former and current government officials, President Lamine Zeroual, an army officer installed as president in January by the group of army officers and civilians who have by and large ruled the country ever since inde-pendence from France in 1962, has begun secret talks with the jailed Muslim fundamentalist leader Ab-bassi Madani, who heads the Islamic Salvation Front.

The front is a militant party that was officially banned two years ago after the authorities canceled the results of elections won by it and jailed most of its leadership, including Mr. Madani.

Mr. Zeroual's objective, officials say, is to attempt to strike a compromise that would give fundamentalists a share in power in return for ending their campaign to overthrow the ruling group and install an Iranian-style Islamic republic. The talks are adamantly opposed

by a vast group of middle-level and senior army officers who advocate a further toughening of army and police action to stamp out the fundamentalist insurgency, senior Al-

CHINA: Beijing Offers the UN a Mild Draft Statement on North Korea

council would keep a close eye on the situation and take further action if necessary, diplomats

The clause is seen as a thinly veiled threat of possible future economic sanctions if North Korea does not come into full compliance in allowing inspectors of the International Atomic Energy Agency full access to all its nuclear

The Chinese action appeared to be aimed at choosing the least unpalatable alternative of initiating a mild statement instead of accepting a tougher one proposed by other delegations, or being forced to abstain on, or even veto, a formal resolution.

In Washington, meanwhile, senior American and South Korean officials expressed confidence that the United Nations would find a way to settle the crisis.

The South Korean foreign minister. Han Sung Joo. who came to the United States after talks in Beijing, said that China would not

block a resolution that imposed "minimum requirements" on North Korea to open its suspect nuclear sites to inspection. American officials had already said they ex-

pected that if Beijing did not support UN action, it would at least not veto it, but Mr. Han's assessment was considered authoritative after his trip to Beijing with President Kim Young Sam of South Korea.

"The Chinese are on board in the sense of discussing the form and the content of the Security Council measure," Mr. Han said at the State Department.
"We're still talking," Mr. Han said. "There's

no conclusion as to which way it would go. We are fairly certain about the content of either the resolution or the statement, and that means there would be certain minimum requirements. So we're quite comfortable with the way things

Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher said the U.S. and South Korean positions were "completely congruent."

He said the United States would be working for a UN resolution, but was consulting all the parties involved.

But Mr. Christopher also acknowledged he was willing to consider a statement rather than a formal resolution because "the content is probably more significant than the form." (Reuters, AFP)

■ Confidence in Seoul

President Kim returned home on Wednesday from a weeklong visit to Japan and China, saying he was confident that North Korea's nuclear ambitions could be thwarted without war, Reuters reported from Scool.

"I have a firm belief we can defeat North Korea without any fighting and we can maintain peace and stability on the Korean peninsula," Mr. Kim said. "I confirmed to Chinese leaders that South Korea has never had any intention to absorb the North or isolate it. Rather, I told them we were ready to help the

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she was trading the year before or the year after." he said of Mrs.

The trading records for Mrs. Clinton's account at a commodities brokerage firm in 1978 and 1979 were provided to reporters on Tuesday to refute a Newsweek report asserting that she did not put up any of her own money. As recently as last Friday, the White House had declined to say how much money Mrs. Clinton invested in commodities.

"Mrs. Clinton put up her own money, invested it in her own accounts, and assumed the full risk of loss," said a statement issued by her press secretary. Lisa Caputo, and the White House staff secretary, John Podesta.

White House officials have said that Mrs. Clinton began the trading in October 1978, when Bill Clinton was the Arkansas attorney general and about to be elected governor. on the advice of James Blair, a close friend who was then an outside lawyer for Tyson Foods.

An official described Mr. Blair, now general counsel for Tyson, as an "important adviser" who was "active in the markets" and helped Mrs. Clinton. The official said she also "talked to other people" and read The Wall Street Journal to research her trades. The Wall Street Journal reported

Tuesday that her broker, Robert L. Bone of the Springdale, Arkansas, office of Refco Inc., was accused by commodities regulators of allocat-Nothing happened on Rütli in ing profitable trades to some inves-Professor Meyer said.

tors and losing investments to oth- three months, she had profits of ers. He was disciplined in S49,069 and losses of \$22,528, making her net gain \$26,541.

The next year. Mrs. Clinton

cord-keeping and other procedural But a White House official said Mrs. Clinton "had no knowledge of any allocation of trades." The offi-cial added: "She lost money in that A White House official said she account on several trades. Beyond

The White House said Mrs. Clinton traded through two separate accounts in Little Rock and

that, we really know nothing about

In her main account, with Refco, she invested \$1,000 cash in October 1978, made a profit of \$5,300 the next day, and continued to reinvest the principal and proceeds. Over

White House Rushes To Mrs. Clinton's Aid

WASHINGTON - The White House defended Hillary Rodham Clinton on Wednesday against insinuations she was a money-grubber.

The presidential counsellor.

David Gergen, told C-Span television that Mrs. Clinton had one of the lowest salaries of partners in the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock. Arkansas. "Instead of going after money in that law firm, she

gave a lot of her time free, to

various public activities." he

The next year. Mrs. Clinton made profits of \$109,600. and lost \$36,600, for a net gain of \$72,996 from January through July, when she stopped trading. The White House indicated the difference came in the rounding off of figures.

stopped trading after becoming From her initial investment of \$1,000, her gain was \$99,537 from October 1978 through July 1979.

Although the White House said Mrs. Clinton stopped trading after she became pregnant, she opened a second account, through the stockbroker Stephens Inc. in Little Rock with \$5,000 cash in October 1979. the month that she closed be Refco account. She had small net losses in 1979 and 1980 totaling around \$1,000 before she closed the account in March 1980, just after Chelsea was born.

"It was a bull market," a White House official said. "A lot of people made a lot of money." The monthly account statements made public demonstrate just how quickly that money could pile up. From her initial \$1,000 investment

on Oct. 11, 1978, Mrs. Clinton made a total of \$19,427 in the next 20 davs. "The first lady was fortunate enough to be involved in that market, which virtually doubled in price, going from 40 cents a pound in January 1978 to 80 cents a pound by April 1979," said Mr. Sander.



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Change, Italian Style

Enter a Populist Right

Political upheavals tend to be messy, and Italy's ballot box purge of its postwar political class is no exception. The leaders of the victorious right-wing coalition are already headed off in contradictory directions, leading disappointed losers of the left and center to predict a rupture before a new government can be formed next month.

Whatever their hopes, this fact remains: a new, often demagogic populist right has won a decisive triumph that cannot be conjured away. The center has been utterly discredited by scandal. The post-Communist left, despite the end of the Cold War, has been unable to broaden its appeal. The rout of the main postwar parties is close to complete.

Meanwhile, what many outsiders think of as the real Italy - the dynamic, part entrepreneurial, part governmental economy that has survived, even thrived during decades of misgovernment and corruption — remains un-touched, at least for now. In fact, the man who seems likely to be the next prime minister. Silvio Berlusconi, is also the country's biggest media magnate, with an empire that includes merchandising, financial services and sports. Yearning for a clean new start, Italians have paradoxically embraced a pair of parties with a dubious history and a man who incarnates both

the glories and the excesses of the recent past.

The election's biggest losers were the Christian Democrats, Socialists and other allied parties that dominated governments for more than four decades. Many of their leaders face criminal charges of corruption. Almost as badly hurt was the Democratic Party of the Left, successor to the Communists, Although it finished second overall, its surprising mability to exploit the collapse of its traditional rivals eaves its future in some doubt.

The winners, alarmingly, include neofascists and north Italian regional chauvinists, classic outsiders who are now in a position to claim the spoils of office.

But the biggest winner of all seems to be Mr. Berlusconi, a man of no particular ideology who entered politics only two months ago.

alition that Mr. Berlusconi rode to victory. His main ally in north and central Italy was Umberto Bossi, who rose to prominence by urging these more prosperous areas to loosen their political and financial ties with the economically more backward south. But in the south. Mr. Berlusconi joined forces with the neofascist National Alliance, which stands above all for Mussolini-style strong central government and national unity. On Monday night, joyous neofascists cruised Rome's Piazza del Popolo shouting

His slick and professional media campaign exploited vague slogans and flattering camera

exploited vague siogans and hattering camera angles to position its candidate as at once a radical agent of political change, a reassur-ingly successful business leader and the lat-

est champion of the Christian right against

the eternal Red peril. That combination

proved a sure-fire formula for vote-getting.

But it could turn into a confusing prescrip-

tion for governing. The confusion can only

be confounded by the quirky quicksilver co-

"Duce" and offering straight-armed salutes. Mussolini's granddaughter, re-elected in Na-ples, declared the neofascist breakthrough to be "like a dream." Grand, if somewhat unsettling theater. But

Italy does have serious problems of gover-nance. Its public debt of \$1.1 trillion is among Europe's highest, as is its budget delicit of nearly 10 percent of current output. And despite Mr. Berlusconi's personal triumph, there is a question about whether the occult business practices underlying Italy's economic successes can survive continued investigation by independent prosecutors and the railings of unpredictable partisans like Mr. Bossi.

As Italy takes its place within an increasingly integrated European Union, these issues will assume increasing importance, perhaps transcending the old divides of left and right, north and south, centralist and federalist that shaped this election. Italy's friends abroad must hope that despite discouraging appearances, the voters' wishes for modernization, renewal and higher ethical standards

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

An Unsettled Coalition

To understand Silvio Beriusconi, the leader of the right-wing alliance that won Italy's elections on Monday, imagine someone who combines the advantages of Ross Perot. Rupert Murdoch, Ted Turner - and then think a little bigger. Within two months, Mr. Berlus-coni organized his own party from scratch, created an alliance with two other political parties, used his own publicity and publishing empire to craft his popular, upbeat message, and then blared it out on his own television stations, which are watched by about half of

the Italian audience The triumph of the 57-year-old Mr. Berlusconi was made possible by a two-year corruption investigation that ensuared most of the country's political leadership and crippled the centrist Christian Democrats and their traditional coalition partners. Italy was ready for a big change. But until Mr. Berlusconi came on the scene, that change looked to be a victory of the Democratic Party of the Left - the The centrist parties were not strong enough to beat the ex-Communists, and they had al-ready won local elections against their other main competitors: the neofascist National Alliance and the Northern League, which wants to loosen northern Italy's ties to the rest of the country and stop the flow of tax dollars from the wealthy north to the poorer south.

Enter Silvio Berlusconi, who argued that only he could save Italy from communism. He formed his Forza Italia party and then made an alliance with the neofascists and the Northern League, promising free enterprise, lower taxes and an economic renaissance. His campaign against the old order was ironic in part because his near monopoly on private television stations was granted him largely through the good offices of former Prime Minister Bettino Craxi, who was discredited in the very scandals that gave the newcomer his opening.

Mr. Berlusconi's victory leaves many questions unanswered. His coalition is potentially unstable because it combines three different definitions of "the right" - Mr. Berlusconi's own conservative philosophy, the neofascists' preference for a strong, centralized state, and the Northern League's federalism, rooted in a hatred of the central government. The league gets almost all its votes from the north, the neofascists more from the south. Will this not make forming a government harder than winning an elec-And next question what does Berlusconi really want? His companies face a large debt, and his leftist opponents argued that what he wanted was simply control of the Italian state to prop up his financial empire. The voters did not agree.

Act II of this drama could be as interesting as Act I has been surprising.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

No News for the Chinese?

No serious newspaper would silence its political reporters or drop its editorial page because some powerful government objected to what the paper was saying. Newspapers often run into such objections. The good ones grit their teeth, put up with the ban that the angry government may slap on them, and carry on unchanged.

This may not be, it seems, how Rupert Murdoch sees things. The decision of his STAR TV network to drop the BBC's news service from its satellite broadcasts to China is going to make people ask questions both about satellite television in general and about Mr. Murdoch's view of his responsibilities.

It was never going to be easy for him to make a profit on the \$525 million he put into STAR TV last year. It got harder when the Chinese government expressed its dislike of the BBC's vigorous news coverage, included in STAR's service, and then made it trickier for ordinary Chinese to get hold of the dishes they need to see satellite television. Nevertheless, Mr. Murdoch's decision is wrong.

He will no doubt say that a satellite service has to provide what its audience wants, which among other things means that a continent-wide system like STAR — it reaches from Jerusalem to Jakarta - needs to offer different things to different countries. Correct. But one of the things any audience wants, anywhere, is a supply of news and political analysis. The BBC's admirably objective supply of those things is watched with pleasure by many other Asians. There is no reason to think the people of China do not want to watch it, too. It is also true that a satellite network owner's relationship to his product is not always quite the same as that of a newspaper owner to his. Over China, for instance, most of what STAR earns will for some years probably come from the advertisements it carries, not from the viewers inside China; and advertisers can be loath to offend powerful governments. But this does not change the final calculation. In the end, STAR's success and the advertisers' - will depend on providing the viewers with what they want, not what

their government thinks they should have. Some people argue that none of this matters much because, before long, the march of technology will make it impossible for govern-ments like China's to interfere with what people see on television; dishes will get too small to snoop after, and so on. Maybe. It is also possible that the snoopers' counter-technology will get better, too. Anyway, the argument that it is all right to kowtow now because it may not be necessary to kowtow later is

hardly one to be proud of. At bottom, satellite television is just one more medium of communication. The rest of the media know what the rules are. Those who do the communicating have an obligation to those they communicate with. This includes an obligation to provide them, if they want it, with a source of honest news.

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Needed, a Security Package for Russia and Europe

PARIS — Conscious hardening of Russian for-I eign policy is clear after some two years of focus on domestic troubles and seeking supportive agreements with the West. The constant theme of the many Russians who spoke at a two-day confer-ence in Paris last week organized by the Institut Français des Relations Internationales was the need to give primacy to Russian national interests.

It was also clear that Moscow has not yet managed to define its interests. There are vague references to borders of the former Soviet Union, to status as a great power, but no real concept. Everything coming from Moscow these days indicates that the underlying concern is much more emotional than anything strategic or geopolitical.

Moscow, including its increasingly important military establishment, yearns for the standing that it feels was lost, Vladimir Adamishin, first vice minister for foreign affairs, kept stressing the demand for "full-fledged partnership" in world affairs. The ene-my has no face; it is whoever wants to see Russia kept down, weak, without influence. Beyond restoring its sense of importance and capacity. Russia doesn't know what it wants.

This is a crucial opportunity for the West. It won't last long. This is a time when the West can propose the outlines of a satisfactory and safe relation which can engage the Russians, provide reassurance, and shape their strategic ideas — which are bound to emerge, if not coherently then willy-nilly, and perhaps dangerously, in response to perceived crises.

For that, the West must know what it wants and be able to offer a package with evident common advantage. It requires specific proposals, backed with understanding of Moscow's fears. That is how a brilliantly managed seven months of diplomacy brought the peaceful unification of Germany without unraveling the Western alliance. The key eleBy Flora Lewis

ments are including Russia by right in the Group of Seven. opening NATO to former satellites in East-ern Europe, and finding a formula to accept Russian involvement in peacekeeping among other Soviet successor states under international constraints.

Turning the group of the seven weightiest indus-trial states into a formal Group of Eight has the advantage of not being institutionalized, of providing a venue where each member can say what should be discussed, of decision by consensus, and yet ensuring worlwide recognition of eminence. It started as an economic forum, but, as Germany's Hel-mut Kohl has suggested, technical economic issues can be separated from political consultations.

Already Germany, France and Britam have expressed support — but without the necessary trade-off, which would be NATO assurance for the countries between Western Europe and Russia. Moscow has successfully vetoed this so far on the grounds that it would be unequal treatment, exclu-

ionary and therefore potentially hostile.

The answer should be: "Yes, you will be treated differently because you are different. You are big and powerful, with interests in many parts of the globe. You must be at the top table, where the big issues arise and your voice has special resonance. In return, you must see that your western neighbors, who have their fears, with historical reason, can't be ignored and squeezed out." Mr. Adamishin said rightly that the best security for others is "a sturdy, democratic Russia," adding, "We have no impedal ambition." Moscow should be reminded that neighbors who feel secure are more likely to be friendly. It is unlikely that Russia would even want to join implications for itself. That has not started yet, but already some military officials worry what being an ally of the West would mean to relations with China, Iraq, Iran and Central Asia.

The bigger issue is the "near abroad," where Russia wants some international endorsement of a special role. Realistically, it must be seen that no outside country wants the burden of intervening and Moscow cannot be stopped if it feels that vital interests are at stake. Politically, then, there is much to be gained in endorsing a United Nations or CSCE mandate case by case.

That would provide international monitors, international rules of behavior, even possible withdrawal of the mandate if rules were violated. It would bring less risk of Moscow reconstituting the old-style Russian empire by force than refusing to accept any responsibility, letting turmoil and its response run their course.

Moscow has applied to the United Nations for recognition of the Commonwealth of Independent States - the U.S.S.R. successor states minus the Baltics - as a regional organization. It can hardly be rejected in a Europe striving for integration. And it would be to everybody's benefit if Russia chose to seek West European-style integration by consent and cooperation, not menace and em-

bargoes — with the "near abroad."

All three parts should be in the package, simultaneously. But it must be offered soon, before troubled heads in Moscow are lured in other, more confrontational directions in the name of national interest. The wise American expert Robert Legvold points out that advocates of "neo-containment" and "malign neglect" are making ground in the U.S. debate on what to do about Russia. They, too, must be headed off. The crossroads are now.

Clinton Is Wrong to Trim Support for Macedonia

By Jim Hoagland

NATO, once it gets down to a serious study of

WASHINGTON — The influen-tial Greek-American political has rolled President Bill Cliff ton back from his declared intention to establish full diplomatic relations with Macedonia, despite urgent pleas to Mr. Clinton from Macedonia's president for visible support for his

The White House decision to delay a major foreign policy initiative backed by the State Department will add fuel to criticism of the Clinton administration for letting domestic political interests take precedence

tottering government.

over foreign policy priorities. Greece, fearful of the former Yu-goslav republic's alleged designs on the northern Greek province that is also named Macedonia, has instituted a brutal economic blockade that could destabilize President Kiro Gligorov's centrist regime in Skopje. The Greek campaign works at cross-pur-poses with Mr. Clinton's decision to deploy about 300 American peacekeeping troops to help stabilize Mr. Gligorov's government.

That deployment spurred Mr. Gli-gorov's hopes that the Democrats would stand more firmly against the Greek-American lobby than did George Bush and Jim Baker, who re-

ALBANY, New York — A spasm of terror is convulsing

Haiti, terror that recalls the Duva-

lier dynasty's monstrous Tontons Macoutes. It is intended to quash

forever any hope for the return of Haiti's elected president, Jean-

In February, the UN Civilian Mission to Haiti, a human rights monitoring team, investigated 40 to 50 killings, 20 "disappearances" and nearly a dozen rapes in the capital of Port-au-Prince alone. For March, the team has elegated to

March, the team has already re-

A new organization is responsi-ble for much of the mayhem; the

Front for Advancement and Pro-

gress. It has developed grotesque terror tactics, including disfigure-

ment of corpses, wearing of hoods by attackers (a trademark of the

Tontons Macoutes), burning of

neighborhoods and a new phenom-

enon for Haiti — rape used as an instrument of political violence.

rash of "facial scalpings," in which the killers slit open the skin of their

victim's face and remove it. Then

they dump the body on a garbage heap, often in Cité Soleil — a shan-

tytown in Port-au-Prince infamous

these days for its smoking pyramids of trash — as a warning to the slum's traditionally militant sup-

porters of Father Aristide. Recent-

ly, several bodies turned up each

morning amid the rubbish, some of

them disfigured.

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corded more than 20 deaths.

Bertrand Aristide.

fused to recognize Macedonia (and lose votes) when it declared independence two years ago. Mr. Baker promised the Macedonians that they would get recognition after the 1992 U.S.

election, but he was unable to deliver. On Feb. 9, Mr. Clinton wrote to Mr. Gligorov saying that the United States would "proceed with the im-mediate establishment between our countries of full diplomatic relations with permanent missions" once Mr. Gligorov gave assurances about establishing a free market economy, protecting human rights and living up to international agreements.

Copies of the correspondence show that Mr. Gligorov responded immediately, meeting all Mr. Clinton's conditions. At the State Department, the veteran diplomat Victor Comras was tipped as the first American ambassador in Skopje. That was before Mr. Clinton, Vice

President Al Gore and the National Security Adviser Anthony Lake met with Senator Paul Sarbanes, Democrat of Maryland, Greek Orthodox Archbishop lakovos and 14 other prominent Greek-Americans at the White House on March 9. No State

Playing Along With Terror in Haiti

By Amy Wilentz

At least 10 rapes by paramilitary forces were reported last month, most of them of mothers, wives,

daughters, sisters or friends of in-

tended victims. That number may not seem high, but in Haiti, where rape used to be exceedingly rare, it is ominous because it indicates a

deliberate strategy on the part of

the paramilitary squads. And in Port-au-Prince, where infection with the virus that causes AIDS is a

growing threat, rape is an even

more potent instrument of terror. Negotiations in Washington last

month to resolve the Haitian situa-

tion were a dismal failure. The Clin-

ton administration made a grave

error by including a Haitian legisla-tor, Frantz-Robert Monde, who is closely tied to the Front for Ad-

vancement and Progress. He was there to support a U.S. State De-partment plan to end the crisis over

The plan did not include even a cosmetic deadline for Father Aris-

tide's return, merely a vague provi-

sion calling for a coalition govern-ment. It endorsed a broad amnesty

for those who organized the bloody

1991 coup and others involved in

coincided with the latest tide of

terror in Haiti, evidence that the

members of the front are not afraid

of outside intervention.

Mr. Monde's trip to Washington

ather Aristide's overthrow.

Department officer was present, although Secretary of State Warren Christopher had been urging Greece to lift the blockade immediately.

"The president told us at the meeting that he would not take the second step" of putting an embassy in Skopje "until some progress was made" in the bitter dispute between Greece and Macedonia, said Andrew Manatos, a consultant who works on Greek-U.S. relations. "The policy he outlined there is very consistent with what Greece would like it to be."

Significantly, Mr. Manatos said the president read from notes "that made it clear that he had already decided" what he was going to do. Mr. Clinton's decision was to delay

implementation of full diplomatic relations, make Mr. Comras head of a diplomatic liaison office instead of bassador, and name Matthew Nimetz as a special envoy to negotiate on Macedonia — even though the Greeks continue their blockade, and despite Mr. Gligorov's Feb. 22 letter to Mr. Clinton stressing "the urgent need for establishing diplomatic relations on the level of embassies between our two countries as perhaps

In January, Mr. Monde, a former member of the Tontons Macoutes,

was chosen president of the Haitian

Chamber of Deputies, which is now

dominated by supporters of the military dictatorship. He is a close associate of Haiti's newest strong-

man, Lieutenant Colonel Joseph

lic, which would explain why - in

spite of arms and oil senctions against Haiti — the thugs now in power have full tanks and are well

armed. The Clinton administration

has shut its eyes to this traffic. It seems unlikely that Presiden

Bill Clinton wants to go down in

history as the man who blocked Haiti's last chance at democracy.

Yet if he continues to ignore gross

violations of international sanc-tions, he is speeding Hait's tumble

into chaos and gangsterism.

Mr. Clinton should lean hard on the president of the Dominican Republic, Joaquin Balaguer, abandon the worthless State Department

plan, denounce the terror at large in

Haiti and recommit the United States to the return of Haiti's demo-cratically elected government.

The writer is author of "The

Rainy Season: Haiti Since Duva-

lier." She contributed this comment

to The New York Times.

the most significant help" that Mac-edonia could get.

What caused Mr. Clinton to blinl on Macedonia? Both supporters and detractors of Greece's position point to two politically influential presidential advisers as being sensitive to the Greek-American and other ethnic lobbies: George Stephanopoulos, the personable young Greek-American who serves as Mr. Clinton's top political aide and who was present at the March 9 meeting, and Nancy Soder-berg, the director of Mr. Lake's Na-

tional Security Council staff. Ms. Soderberg served as Senator Edward M. Kennedy's senior foreign policy adviser before joining the Clinton campaign and then becoming the number three official on the NSC staff. She was deeply involved in Mr. Clinton's decision in January to overrule the State Department and grant a U.S. visa to a spokesman for the Irish Republican Army.

She denies that she spoke to the president about Macedonia. But her political background and apparent influence on the president cause beartburn at the midlevels of the State Department.

Far more is at stake in the Greek-Macedonian dispute than bureau-cratic politics in Washington. The Clinton administration inherited a foreign policy world with few fixed stars, and many new states that have ethnic constituencies in America. Presidents operating in this new era - particularly one elected by 43 per-cent of the vote — will be tempted to lean toward domestic political factors if the call is anywhere near close.

But Greece's destructive policies are not a case of a close call. They deserve President Clinton's condemnation, not his accommodation. The diplomats, not the politicians, are right on this one.

The Washington Post.

For Major, A Damaging Climb-Down

By Roy Denman

ONDON — Over the last 50 years L ONDON — Over the last 50 years there have been some bad times in the relationship between Britain and a mitting Europe. Yet in naïvete and miscalculation, Prime Minister John Major's last week in Europe could bear comparison with any.

He picked a quartel with Britain's partners in the European Union on the arrest cuestion of bow many unto

the arcane question of how many votes would be needed, after the entry of Austria, Finland, Sweden and Norway, to trigger a blocking minority in decisions of the Council of Ministers. At present, this requires 23 of the 76 votes. After enlargement, the total number of votes will rise to 90. So 10 member-states thought the blocking minority should rise to 27 to prevent majority decision-making from being weakened. Britain refused. Mr. Major

insisted that Britain's power to veto legislation should not be reduced.

There was no need to pick this quarrel. The last three times the Community, as it was then called, was enlarged the number of blocking minority votes was increased. Margaret Thatcher accepted this without flinching. Mr. Major could easily have followed suit, justifying the change to any Europhobe as a semiautomatic adjustment to prevent a wider community from being more difficult to run. He could also have emphasized the success of the negotiations for enlargement, of which he had been a leading advocate. But for reasons of domestic politics,

he decided to pick a fight. The Conservarive Party is split on Europe. It is sagging badly in the polls. Elections to the European Parliament are due in June. Later in the year there might well be a challenge to John Major's own position. So he decided to wrap himself in the flag. There must be no increase in the number of votes needed for blocking. He was not going to be a Brussels poodle. He was going to stand up for Britain. There would be no climb-down.

Questioned by journalists, whose reactions varied from skeptical to incredulous, Mr. Major indicated that it should not be too difficult to get his way. We were not isolated: Spain was with us. Other member-states would be willing to compromise. And if Britain did not get its way, then en-largement would just have to wait.

Discussions among foreign ministers followed. On Sunday, Britain's increasingly exasperated partners gave it an ultimatum. Either it must agree to the terms of the others (now accepted by Spain) within 48 hours, or a crisis would ensue. Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd flew back, displaying, like Chamberlain after Munich, a piece of paper with a sion, if this word could be applied without a snicker: There would, in cases of dispute, be a "reasonable delay" before a vote was taken. After some agitated consultation, Mr. Major bowed to the ultimatum.

It was the most humiliating climbdown in postwar British history The effect on Mr. Major's position

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remains to be seen. Anyone who announces to a crowd of lions the prospect of a feast of red meat and then later argues that a dandelion salad is just as nutritious risks not only his credibility but his skin. But the wider consequences matter even more: • Will anyone in the Union take

Britain's future negotiating positions seriously? However much the British shout, their partners now know that they can be made to retreat.

 When Swedes and Norwegians go to the polls later this year to vote on accession, what effect will this debacle have on those already skeptical of the Union?

 Britain has demonstrated once more that it wants a different kind of Europe from the rest of the Union. The Major government wants nothing more than a freetrade area. The other countries are moving inexorably to a federation. Last week brings forward the day when Britain will be left in an outer tier, as important on the world stage as Switzerland, while the rest of the Union moves forward without it.

 Paradoxically this latest row means that there will be a European foreign policy sooner rather than lat-er. For this will be easier to agree on. as Bosnia showed, among a continental bloc. This point will not be lost

on Washington.
In 1899 the German chancellor.
Bernhard von Bülow, visited London. He wrote back to Berlin: "British politicians know nothing of the Continent. They know as much about conditions there as we know about conditions in Siam or Peru." But ignorance is no excuse for deliberately falling into a deep pit.

Michel François, who by all ac-counts largely controls the front. Colonel François is thought to control the illegal trade in gasoline and other goods that cross Hait's border with the Dominican Repub-IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Albanians Attack

CETTIGNE - Another sanguinary encounter between Montenegrins and Albanians occurred on the fron-tier yesterday [March 29] when a body of the latter numbering several thousands attacked the Montenegrin village on the border of the Ciwiena Zem district, killing four of the in-habitants and wounding seven. The lighting lasted all day. The losses of the Albanians is not known.

1919: League Objections

PARIS - The twelve American Congressmen in Paris to get a close view of the Peace Conference were re-ceived by President Wilson yesterday [March 30]. They told President Wilson that a vast majority of Americans favor a League of Nations, believing that only through such an international arrangement can future wars be prevented. However, there were two major objections which might result in the League being rejected by

the United States. The failure properly to protect the Monroe Doctrine and the absence of a provision setting forth that in minor intra-European disturbances the United States shall not have primary responsibility. Americans do not want a situation to arise in which American forces might have to be deployed in settling a small Balkan war or disturbance.

1944: Rumanian Peace? LONDON — [From our New York edition:] The Rumanian government of Premier Marshal Ion Antonescu

sent Prince Barbu Stirbey to Cairo
with the definite mission to sound
out the possibilities of peace with Russia and the western Allies, a well informed Balkan source here said to-day [March 30]. This source said Prince Stirbey's mission was ap-proved by the Antonescu government and by the opposition parties, which, he added, apparently have been forced by public opinion in Rumania to look for a way out of the war.

White House Backbiting Turns Bill's Friends Bitter

By E. J. Dionne Jr.

WASHINGTON The Whitewater controversy has set off a quiet civil war inside the Clinton government, deepening factional rivalnes and creating opportunities for shifts in the internal balances of power. For President Bill Clinton, getting Whitewater under control will now have to include pacifying his own administration.

The good news for Mr. Clinton is that his effective performance at last week's news conference reassured many of his own appointees, not to mention Democrats in Congress, and sent his poll ratings back up. But char-acteristically, everyone is blaming everyone else for the foul-ups that de-layed his public embrace of openness.

Factionalism, of course, affects every administration, and Mr. Clinton's was bound to have more of it than most. Because Mr. Clinton believes, correctly, that a successful Democratic presidency will necessarily mix policies of the center and the left, he is always in a position to disappoint some group whose support he ultimately needs.

The administration has also been divided by fights over the budget be-tween those who saw deficit reduction as the highest priority and others who feared that too heavy an emphasis on deficit reduction would leave Mr. Clinton with no money to spend on innova-

tions in domestic policy.

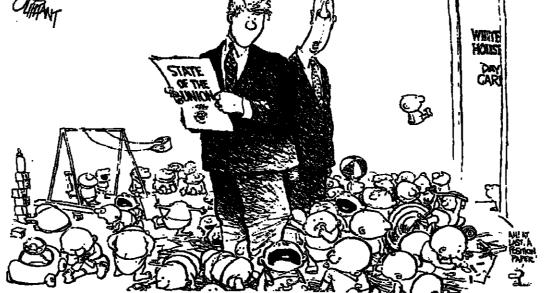
Having the broad spectrum of Democratic opinion represented in his government is, in the end, a healthy thing for Mr. Clinton. But the sour mood created by Whitewater has given factionalism a bitter, personal edge, high-lighting divisions that have little to do with ideology.

There are, for example, resentments in the cabinet agencies at the power of the White House inner circle that can now play out as criticism of the White House's handling of Whitewater. Cabinet discontent is not new, but even Mr. Clinton's savvy cabinet officials were not asked for advice when they might have helped him out of his jam. And on some issues, particularly health care, the Clinton operation has been unusually centralized. Those who were left out when the Clinton health plan was written are not unhappy over the large role Congress is assuming in rewriting it. Mr. Clinton's circle of outside politi-

cal consultants has also come under attack. When Clinton critics say "they still think they're running a campaign over there," that's usually a coded way of lobbing a grenade at James Carville. Mandy Grunwald or Paul Begala, the 1992 campaign veterans who are criticized for preferring quick-response at-tacks to explanation and reassurance.

Defenders of the political advisers say the real problem in the White House is ssive role of "the lawyers," who are accused of resisting Whitewater disclosure long after anyone with political sense understood the importance of answering questions. The Whitewater controversy has been a nightmare for David Gergen, who is seen by some Clintonites as insufficiently liberal or insufficiently loyal, and by his supporters as the chief purveyor of a strategy of openness.

The cost of White House divisions



Not to mention the state of the staff.

was probably felt most keenly by George Stephanopoulos, the Clinton ad-viser who, The Washington Post report-ed, blew up at the decision of the Resolution Trust Corporation to hire Jay Stephens to handle cases involving Madison Guaranty. That is the savings and loan whose owner was the Clintons partner in Whitewater. Mr. Stephanopoulos emerged as the heavy who want-ed to know if Mr. Stephens, a partisan Republican and vocal Clinton foe, could be dumped. Deputy Treasury Secretary Roger Aliman emerged as the reasonable voice who stopped anyone from

sacking Mr. Stephens. Mr. Stephanopoulos came out of the weekend whole because he is wellliked, because even Republicans understood his ire, and because nothing happened to Mr. Stephens. But the episode showed how damaging the internal maneuvering and responsibility-passing over Whitewater can be. Mr. Stephanopoulos's friends are mad about the leaks against him. Mr. Altman feels aggrieved because of what he saw as undue pressure from the White House to keep his job as acting head of the RTC even after he thought it appropriate to recuse himself.

For all the problems Mr. Clinton faces, last week bought him time. By answering questions quietly and with-out rancor toward the press or the Republicans, he undermined the perception that he was trying to hide something. Representative Jim Leach, the Republican whose reputation for bipartisanship has given his charges against Mr. Clinton added credibility, is increasingly being treated as a parti-

san in the Whitewater matter. This means his accusations will now be examined more critically.

But Mr. Clinton needs to use the opening to bring order out of the Whitewater chaos. At least some of the president's friends are telling him it is his responsibility to fix the free-form structure that he has encouraged in his White House, Blurry lines of authority have aggravated the tensions among those who work for Mr. Clinton without making it easier for them to challenge him when he should be challenged. It is hard enough to deal with Whitewater, manage an unruly political coalition and explain that complex mix of ideas that is Clintonism. When your friends and appointees start turning on one another, those tasks become truly impossible.

The Washington Post.

Who Says I'm Welcome? **Just Give Me the Number**

By Richard Cohen

WASHINGTON — I am beginning to hate the phone company. What vexes me is that little announcement that we get here in Washington when calling "information" (411): "Welcome to Bell Atlantic," a smooth voice says. Then come four ethereal tones, sounds associated with space exploration and

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silly video games and then --- wow! --- a real person. The whole thing leaves me furning. All I want is the number — fast.

But you cannot get the number — fast. The person answering your request transfers you back to the computer, which tells you "the number you have requested" — and then comes the number itself — can be automatically dialed for an additional 35 cents. Where once you simply called for a number and got it (fast!), you now have to sit through that silly, pretentious "Welcome to Bell Atlantic" greeting, followed by the announcement of a service you could not possibly want.

The whole silly, pretentious, grating package has gotten under my skin. First of all, what does "Welcome to Bell Atlantic" mean? It means about as much as if you got some sort of welcome message when you plugged in your toaster. Soon, there'll be a computer chip in the sink, welcoming you to the water system, and one on the stove, saying "the gas company welcomes you." You'll get messages when taking a shower or flushing the toilet, making a

hard-boiled egg or grinding coffee.

Who is welcoming me to Bell Atlantic?

Who is this person? There is no person. Give me a name, Where is Bell Atlantic? Who is Bell Atlantic? Better yet, who

cares? Just give me the damned number.

Ah. no. We are experiencing the grandiloquenting of America, the escalation of the mundane and the prosaic into inflated nonsense. This is why there are no salesmen anymore. They are all sales associates or sales representatives. Garbage men are gone. So, too, are stewardesses or stewards or, for that matter, reporters. We are all journalists.

Everyone has a business card and a title. A phony prestige has been be-stowed on the lowly, often in lieu of money. Work has been devalued, position exalted and the making of money disguised as the offering of a humanitarian service. Every company has a slogan. It's not "GE, out to make a buck." but "GE, we bring good things to life."

The ordinary act of asking for a telephone number has been bloated into something else — the entering of the information highway. You are not just asking for a number, you are connecting to a network that can, with a modem and the right software, "access" the world. The more distant the company has become, the less it really cares about you, the more it pretends closeness, intimacy:

"Why, thank you. It's an honor to be here."
Only where is "here"?

"Here" is a nuthouse. It is a place of contradictory messages, of crossed sig-nals, of the sort of oxymoronic behavior that brings festering, towering anger. You call an airline and you get a message. You're told how much your call means to the airline. If that is the case, you wonder, then why don't they have enough people to answer the phones? My ATM machine thanks me for taking out money. Who is thanking me? A machine? A collection of chips and wires? C'mon. "One moment while I work on your request." some machines say. "?" You don't even exist. You have no soul. You have never sinned, been depressed, loved, hated or had a hang-

over. Who are you to say "I"?
I have become obsessed with keeping the direct phone numbers of everyone I know, just to avoid going through the voice mail system. Always, everywhere, an automated voice tells me how much my business is valued and how wonderful I am, but if that is the case, why do l get the run-around? Why can't I talk to someone who will listen to what I have to say and then do something about it?

You can see now why I hate the phone company. It has come to represent every-thing false and pompous in American life, a barrier of electronic chatter that seems to get in your way whenever you want to do something, a layer of false sincerity - an electronic version of that meaningless phrase, "Have a nice day." As you by now can tell, I most certain-

The Washington Post.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mexican Revolutions

Regarding "Time for Another, Different Revolution" (Opinion, March 29) by Dick J. Reavis:

Luis Donaldo Colosio's death is a genuine tragedy, but it will have little impact on Mexico's modernization effort, precisely because of the North American Free Trade Agreement, which Mr. Reavis mistakenly blames for much of the recent unrest in Mexico.

It is because of NAFTA that, instead of quickly crushing the small band of peasant guerrillas known as the Zapatistas, Mexico's governing party has agreed to reforms that would end its 65-yearold hold on absolute power. It is as if China had sent flowers instead of tanks into the ranks of student protesters in Tiananmen Square.

lieves that NAFTA will do for Mexico what Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal did for the America of the 1930s: create a prosperous, stable middle- and workg class, heading off civil unrest.

I would suggest that Mr. Reavis might want to spend less time in "Conversations With Moctezuma" and more listening to the voices of hope and reason in today's Mexico.

STANLEY A. WEISS.

Behind the Duality Regarding "The Dual-Justice System" (March 22) by David Hoffman:

The "dual-justice system" described in this article about the West Bank, as applied to the Zemarya brothers, understandably offends Western notions of The difference between Mexico in 1989 is NAFTA.

President Carlos Salinas de Gortari be
due process and equal protection. But in our zeal to apply these standards in all contexts, we forget that West Bank Pal
or Iraq. One need only ask the inhabit-

estinians are subject to the Israeli military justice system because a state of war has existed between Israel and its Arab neighbors for 46 years. That state of war was initiated and nurtured by Arab regimes and carried to civilian populations by Palestinian terrorist organizations. Unfortunately, it is Palestinian civilians on the West Bank who have paid the price of their leaders' folly. Once Yasser Arafat, King Hussein, Hafez Assad and their proteges make and keep real peace - meaning more than just the absence of

war — with Israel, the offensive accoutrements of a state of war (such as the "dualiustice" system and other Israeli shortcomings) will lose their raison d'être and gradually disappear. The more tantalizing question is whether the Zemarya brothers would the youngest. In the last five years, 14 have fared better if they had thrown

ants of Hama, the Palestinians of Kuwait or the Kurds and Shiites of Iraq which justice system they would have selected if given the opportunity.

L. GILLES SION. New York.

Caning in Singapore

Regarding "Troubling Signs of a Sense of Cultural Superiority" (Opinion, March 21) by Jim Hoagland:

The writer portrays Michael Fay, the American teenager sentenced to jail and caning in Singapore for vandalism, as an innocent victim of the Singapore authorities, who "decided to make Mr. Fay a horrible example." Mr. Fav is not the first teenager to be caned for vandalism, nor people aged 18 to 21 have been similarly sentenced, 12 of them Singaporeans and two foreigners. Mr. Fay cannot be treated differently just because he is American.

Mr. Hoagland claims that the Singapore government harbors a "continuing sense of cultural superiority," because it is made up of "ethnic Chinese citizens who have not totally lost the Han emperor's disdain for non-Han cultures."

Caning was introduced into Singapore's criminal legal system not by the Chinese, but by the British colonial government. Most of those caned have been Asians, Malaysia (predominantly Malay and Muslim), also has caning in its laws, and recently even extended caning to white-collar crimes. The author denies that his views re-

flect "American political or cultural imperialism." Chewing gum in public and American-style freedom of the press may be part of the American way of life, but should Singapore or any other com-try adopt them if they are to our detriment? Mr. Fay confessed to spray-painting 18 cars, throwing eggs at cars, switching license plates and stealing

public property. He did not claim that this confession was "coerced and false"; he pleaded guilty to two charges of vandalism while admitting to 16 others.

Are Mr. Fay's crimes also a part of "an emerging global culture"? Such van-dalism may be commonplace in the United States, yet Americans still de-plore it. A telephone survey conducted by the American television program "A Current Affair" aired on Fox TV on March 15, found that 70 percent of those who called in to respond to the program, which featured Mr. Fay's father, approved of the caning sentence.

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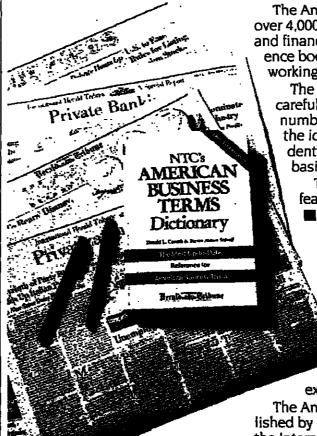
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Scientists Closing In on Single-Dose Vaccine

By Warren E. Learv New York Times Service

ASHINGTON — Researchers say they are rapidly moving within reach of one of the long-standing goals of vaccine research: a single-dose inoculation that would protect infants against all major childhood

Spurred by advances in molecular biology and new methods of stimulating the body's defensive immune system, scientists say finding childhood immunology's "Holy Grail" of a supervaccine could be possible within as little as five years.

Scientists who are designing the vaccine say it should provide lifetime immunity with a single dose, should be easy to administer. store and transport, and should be effective at any time after birth.

would change immunization forever." Dr. scientists said. William H. Foege, director of the Task Force for Child Survival and Development of the ward putting genetic material from disease

Carter Center in Atlanta, said at a symposium here last week. "There is no part of this that would require some quantum leap in information or technology that we can fore-

The symposium was sponsored by the Children's Vaccine Initiative, a program that was started in 1990 to increase childhood vaccination throughout the world and has set the goal of creating a supervaccine. The initiative's sponsors include the World Health Organization, the World Bank and the Rockefeller Foundation.

Among the recent developments outlined were advances in encapsulating antigens, proteins and toxins from disease organisms. such biodegradable microcapsules or gels, injected into the body or absorbed through oral or nasal passages, could release their inoculating contents gradually so as to enhance the immune system at recommended "If we can combine all of these things, we giving primary shots and periodic boosters,

In addition, there is promising work to-

organisms into harmless viruses that could "infect" the body and immunize it. Another approach depends on injecting raw DNA from viruses and bacteria to inoculate people

XPERTS said the ultimate goal is to create a single injection or oral vaccine to be given shortly after birth that would protect against all major child killers, including diphtheria, polio, pertussis or whooping cough, measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, tuberculosis and

In addition, they said, a booster would be added to protect against local or regional infectious diseases, like diarrhea, pneumonia, malaria, cholera and others that afflict children in developing countries.

Eighty percent of the world's children have access to vaccination services, although many do not get all the recommended immunization and six million to eight million children die each year of preventable infectious

Simple-to-use, multipurpose vaccines ing access to health care.

would make it easier to reach and treat all children, including the 20 percent who get no benefit of immunization today. Dr. Foege

Where vaccines are available, the greatest number of children receive inoculations on their first visit, but return rates for boosters drop with each subsequent required visit. An all-in-one vaccine given at birth would greatly reduce this problem, they said, even in economically advanced countries.

In the United States, experts say only 40 percent of 2-year-olds have all the recommended immunization and the number does not reach 95 percent until children reach school age, when proper vaccination is reanired.

"Certainly reducing the number of shots and therefore the number of office visits required before a child is 2 years old would help to increase the immunization compliance rate," said Deborah Clark, field director for the National Immunization Campaign, a coalition of private and government organizations working to improve vaccination rates by educating parents and increas-

Turmoil in Cancer Study Breast-Research Project Put on Hold

By David Brown Washington Post Service

ASHINGTON — The National Cancer Institute has asked the head of the largest U.S. breast cancer treatment study to resign, and ordered that no new patients be enrolled in any of the project's experiments.

The request came as NCI officials looking into

recent allegations of fraud in one of the project's studies uncovered evidence that questionable data in a second study hadn't been brought to the government's attention quickly.

They just have not been in compliance with the guidelines" for auditing researchers' data and reporting irregularities, Bruce A. Chabner, director of the division of cancer treatment at the institute, said. The organization is not meeting its responsibilities in

Two weeks ago, news reports revealed that one Canadian physician in the multifacility National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project apparently faisified data from some of the 100 patients he had enrolled in one of the project's experiments. That study resulted in a landmark 1985 article indicating that "lumpectomy" was as effective as more disfiguring mastectomy in treating breast cancer.

The more recent problem involved questionable

data about a single patient in a different study. Dr. Chabner said. He said the researcher was a physician practicing in a hospital in Montreal. The researcher who allegedly falsified data in the lumpectomy study was also from Montreal, but Dr. Chabner said the two doctors were not the same person.

Dr. Chabner would not describe the study now under scrutiny, but said its results have not yet been

The information has been given to the Office of Research Integrity, an investigative branch of the Department of Health and Human Services. ORI has been investigating the other case of alleged fraud for more than a year.

Until Tuesday, the project's principal investigator was Bernard Fisher, a professor of surgery at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, where the project is headquartered. He said that "excessive

ability to devote sufficient time to my research and with my availability to respond to inquiries about the scientific aspects of the NSABP clinical trials." He

said he requested an administrative leave from his

Donald Trump, a professor of medicine and sur-gery, and deputy director of the Pittsburgh Cancer institute, was named interim director of the project. The project has run about a dozen major clinical experiments of cancer treatment (at approximately \$7 million a year) and recently has begun cancer prevention trials as well. It has about 5,000 researchers at 484 hospitals, with about 13,000 patients currently enrolled in a variety of studies, according to The Associated Press. The studies are designed to test cancer therapies in the heterogeneous world of medical

The NCL, which provides most of the money for the studies, requires that the project audit every researcher at least once every three years. In the case of physicians who contribute only a few patients to a study, all the original medical records are checked to make sure patients are eligible, and that reported data are correct. For physicians who contribute hundreds of patients, only 10 to 20 percent of charts are reviewed.

A report must be filed with NCI within six weeks of

an audit. If irregularities are found, the agency must be notified immediately. N neither of the studies whose data are now being questioned are the clinical conclusions

expected to change. That is because the experiments are so large that no one researcher's contributions make much difference. The 1985 study involved a comparison of two types of surgery as treatment for limited breast cancer. One

group of women had their entire diseased breasts removed while those in another group had the more limited lumpectomy followed by radiation treatment. Researchers found that women with the breast-conserving surgery plus radiation lived as long free of disease as women with the more extensive surgery. This finding — which subsequently has been duplicated in a half-dozen other studies — spurred a major change in treatment strategy in breast cancer.
University of Pittsburgh researchers have recalcu-

lated the study's statistics with the questionable doctor's patients removed, and say the findings still hold. nistrative demands at this time interfere with my NCI is making a similar recalculation.

Question of Recurrence

By Rick Weiss Washington Post Service

ASHINGTON -- For survivors of cancer who have finally beaten back their disease through surgery, radiation or chemotherapy, one question dominates in the years that follow: Is it really gone, or will it come back? Unexpectedly, the answer may come from scientists

studying how blood vessels develop. A growing body of research, including a major study published this month, suggests an analysis of blood-vessel growth in tumors can identify those individuals whose cancers are most likely to recur and would benefit from more aggressive treatment.

Moreover, related studies of blood-vessel development have led to the discovery of a new class of drugs that don't kill tumors directly but starve them by cutting off their blood supply.

"This is a very hot area of research," said Anton Wellstein, a researcher and pharmacologist at Georgetown University's Vincent T. Lombardi Cancer Center. The new techniques are mostly limited to people not grow beyond a few millimeters in diameter unless enrolled in experimental studies, he said. "but they are they gain access to a network of capillaries. getting close to being used in clinical settings."

after years of apparent dormancy, it arises again, often with fatal consequences.

For patients, uncertainty about the future takes more than just an emotional toll. Fearful that a lingering tumor cell may be tucked away in some secret sanctuary, many patients opt for a long and difficult course of chemotherapy even though their cancer seems to have been successfully eliminated.

For example, most women with localized breast after several years. cancer are advised to get adjuvant chemotherapy after their initial treatment with surgery and radiation, even though only 25 percent are expected to relapse. The deadly havoc. "These cells bring in the goods for the reason: Nobody knows which 25 percent are at risk. rest of the tumor," Dr. Folkman said,

Now researchers are coming to the consensus that the tumors to worry about are those that have tricked the body into making new blood vessels for themselves. Blood vessels not only bolster tumor vitality by bringing nutrients to the rapidly dividing cells, but they also provide an escape route for a few of these cells to travel to other organs. Cells that have escaped from a primary cancer may sit quietly for years until they too gain the ability to attract new vessels to themselves and blossom into full-blown tumors.

"When cancer returns, the question is, What were those cells doing for those five years?" said Judah Folkman, a Harvard University physician and researcher who pioneered the field of angiogenesis, or bloodvessel formation. "We don't know, but we're beginning to think that they didn't grow all those years because they were unable to stimulate blood-vessel growth."

The theory is simple. Like a new housing development popping up on the edge of town, tumor growth can't happen without a water and sewer system to supply critical fluids and to remove the toxic-waste products of cell metabolism. Experiments in animals and cultured cells have shown that most tumors can-

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From the tumor's point of view, this dependency on Scientists know very little about why cancer some new plumbing is a problem. The body's network of times disappears after treatment and why sometimes, blood vessels is pretty much complete before birth. and with a few exceptions, no new construction occurs in adulthood.

To overcome this biological inertia, some cancer cells produce substances that fool the body into build-

ing new blood vessels. Nobody knows why some tumor cells can make these vessel-creating compounds and others can't, or why a cancer cell unable to do so may gain the ability

But once the trick is learned by even a single cell within a tumor, that cell and all its progeny can wreak

On Pacific Island, a 'Gender-Equal' Culture?

By John Noble Wilford New York Times Service

EW YORK - Anthropologists have long been attracted to South Pacific islands for more than the warm breezes and sparkling lagoons. They go to such places seeking in the simpler societies the rudiments of human community, sometimes glimpsing a roughhewn harmony beyond the experience of more complex societies.

So it was for Dr. Maria Lepowsky, who in 1978 became the first and only anthropologist to live with the people of Sudest Island —or to use the local name. Vanatinai, meaning motherland.

This is a sparsely populated island in the Louisiade Archipelago of Papua New Guinea, which extends southeast of New Guinea and separates the Solomon and the Coral seas. The people there are an anthropologist's dream because they have had only

minimal contact with Western colonialism

The longer Dr. Lepowsky observed the people, sharing their daily lives for two years and learning their rituals and ideologies, the more she realized that life on Vanatinai was different from other societies in one fundamental respect. Men and women were living and working as virtual equals. This was, she concluded, a striking example of what anthropologists call a gender-egalitarian culture.

"It is not a place where men and women live in perfect harmony and where the privileges and burdens of both sexes are exactly equal." Dr. Lepowsky said, "but it comes close."

Close enough, she said, to challenge the position of some theorists in anthropology that male dominance is universal or somehow inherent in human cultures and that only its forms and intensity vary.

The new findings suggest instead that the a sex-egalitarian society would be like and a

and ideologies in nearly all other cultures. Dr. Lepowsky began the research while a

doctoral student at the University of Califor-nia at Berkeley and has elaborated on the sity of Virginia at Charlottesville who is a findings in a book. "Fruit of the Motherland: Gender in an Egalitarian Society," published last month by the Columbia University Press. to description of the flow of life in the Vana-She is an associate professor of anthropology tinai villages, including evidence for sexual

study could influence scholars to search for drawing large theoretical conclusions. other cultures, mainly small-scale groups in the South Pacific and Southeast Asia, that may also be verging on sex egalitarianism.

Dr. Christopher Boehm, director of the Jane Goodall Research Center at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, sions, meeting face to face, instead of delewho has studied egalitarian behavior, said the quest for a truly equal society had often run into problems of definition.

"It's very difficult to know if women and island's culture could serve as a model of what men in another society have equal power and the mother's clan and women inheriting and

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cialist in cultures of the New Guinea area. said she had wisely confined the book mostly at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Other anthropologists said the Vanatinai and property holdings, and refrained from Dr. Lepowsky acknowledged that the island's small population of 2,300 and remoteness favored the development and preserva-

tion of such a society. On Vanatinai, everyone participates in community decigating power to a few leaders, who might tend to be men. Vanatinai has no chief.

Another factor, she said, is that the culture is matrilineal, with kinship traced through wealth," he said, "since our definitions of owning land and other property.

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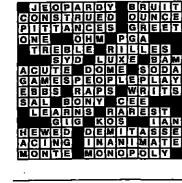
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High Rate of Panic Attacks

WASHINGTON (WP) - Seven percent of Americans have had panic attacks sometime in their lives, according to the first study to survey psychiatric disorders in the general U.S. popu-

Panic attacks are sudden, fearful spells that occur for no particular reason and are accompanied by physical symptoms such as a racing heartbeat, shortness of breath, dizziness and sweating. They usually last only a few minutes. but in extreme cases can be mistaken for a heart attack. When these attacks occur three to four times a month, they are considered part of a more serious condition called panic disorder.

The study, conducted for the National Institute of Mental Health, is drawn from the National Comorbidity Survey, the first to measure the amount of psychiatric disorders in the entire U.S. population. The study of panic attacks included interviews with more than 8,000 Americans, ages 15 to 54 years. It found that only about I percent of the respondents suffered symptoms often enough to be diagnosed as having the more-severe, panic disorder.

2 Studies Back African 'Eve' LONDON (Reuters) - Two separate reports to be published on Thursday support theories that humanity is descended from an

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"Eve." an early female human who lived in Africa about 200,000 years ago.

The theory has been challenged by scientists who say they have evidence that humans evolved independently at several sites around the world, including Africa, China and Indonesia. But two reports in the science journal Nature, one based on statistical research and the other on genetic evidence, both conclude that humanity arose from one source.

Diane Waddle, an anthropologist at the State University of New York, used a statistical method known as matrix correlation to compare differences among various human skulls. A U.S. team led by Anne Bowcock of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center looked at small, repetitive and highly variable segments of DNA known as microsa-

The Settling of Australia

SYDNEY (Reuters) — Australian scientists say they have found evidence confirming that modern man settled Australia 60,000 years ago and spread across the rugged continent within 20,000 years.

Using new dating technology, scientists at the Australian National University dated human settlement at a site in the Kakadu region of the Northern Territory from 60,000 years ago. They also found signs of civilization 40.000

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Plain near Ceduna in South Australia. The Kakadu finding confirms earlier research in the same region, reported in 1990. dating human settlement to 50,000 to 60,000 years ago. "The new research confirms that modern people had reached Australia 20.000 years before the end of the Neanderthals in Europe, " said Rhys Jones, professor of archae-

ology and head of the university team. The scientists dated sediment around aboriginal artefacts at Death Adder Gorge in the Kakadu National Park using Optically Stimulated Luminescence, which measures the activity of electrons in sand grains. They believe it is the first time the optical technology, which is normally used for geological dating, has been used in archaeology.

The Return of a Butterfly

LOS ANGELES (LAT) - A fragile hlue butterfly believed to be extinct for more than a decade has been rediscovered on U.S. Navy land in the San Pedro area of Los Angeles.

Scientists had thought all Palos Verdes blue butterflies had been destroyed by development years ago, and virtually everyone had given up hope and stopped looking for the endangered species. But now, about 100 of them have been found around a pocket of deer weed at a navy fuel depot next to an oil refinery.

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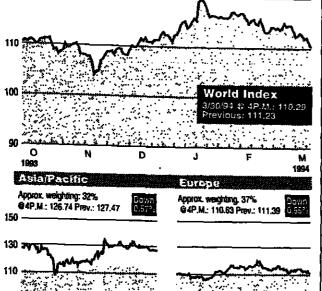
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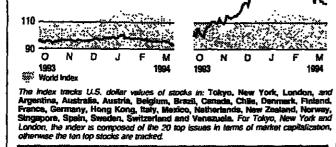
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Beijing Warns on **Sanctions**

Relations Would Suffer, U.S. Told

BEIJING — China warned Wednesday of serious conse-quences if Washington imposed trade sanctions on Chinese state exporters in the countries' dispute

over Beijing's human-rights record. The Foreign Ministry said that if the strategy, outlined on Tuesday by the State Department's chief China adviser, Winston Lord, were enacted, it would "seriously affect" relations between Washington and

Beijing. A ministry spokeswoman, asked to comment on Mr. Lord's proposal, said the most-favored-nation trade status that President Bill Clinton has said he might rescind if China does not allow its population more political freedom, must continue to be the basis of the two nations' trade.

"The MFN status is a reciprocal and mutually beneficial arrangement between China and the United States," she said. "It is the basis for the maintenance of normal economic and trade relations between the two sides. Any move that damages this basis will seriously affect Sino-U.S. relations."

■ Barriers to Be Dropped

China said it would remove all quota and licensing barriers on imports by 1997 and called on the United States to support its readmission to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Bloomberg Business News reported.

China earlier promised the global trade body it would cut its list of more than 50 import items that are subject to quotas or licenses by two-thirds, a trade official said.

"This should help our entry, but a lot depends on the attitude of other countries." Li Zhongzhou, deputy director of international affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation, said.

China wants to join GATT by 1995 so it can become a founding member of the World Trade Organization, the body designated to Cinternational Herald Tribune replace GATT.

Renault Still Has the Urge Now, It Seeks Partner for Truck Line

By Jacques Neher International Herald Tribune

PARIS - Three months after its proposed marringe with Volvo AB was called off amid share-holder protests at the Swedish automaker, Renault is believed to be quietly looking for another partner to shore up its truck operations.

A company spokesman refused to comment on speculation about possible partners other than to say, "Everyone is talking to everyone."

Analysts, however, said the French state-owned carmaker was ripe for privatization even without a partner. They predicted its profit would be surging by the time the government was ready to put it on the market - after next year's presidential election in France.

On Thursday, Chairman Louis Schweitzer of Renault is expected to report marginally improved earnings for 1993 despite the economic crisis in Europe that contributed to a 12 percent drop in unit sales, to 1,750,000 cars and 51,000 trucks.

For 1992, Renault reported a net protit of 5.68 billion French francs (\$996 million) on sales of 179.4 billion francs.

A positive profit report in a recession year "will be a real achievement for Renault," John Lawson, an analyst with DRI/McGraw Hill in London. said. "In the last recession, Renault was the first in the red and the last to come out. It has clearly raised itself above the level of its competitors."

Indeed, an 18 percent decline in the European auto market last year ravaged bottom lines at Renault's major competitors. Its rival in France. Peugeot SA, is expected next month to report a loss of around 2.5 billion francs. Volkswagen AG had a group loss of 1.94 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.2 billion), Piat SpA lost 1.8 trillion lire (\$1.1 billion). and Ford Motor Co.'s European unit lost \$407

million. Profit at General Motors Corp. in Europe fell by more than half, to \$604 million.

"With an upturn. Renault is very well placed for strong earnings growth." Eric Michelis, analyst with Kleinwori Benson Securities in Paris, said. He predicted net profit of 1.6 billion francs for 1994. jumping to 6 billion francs in 1995 and 8 billion francs in 1996.

Though Renault's European market share, at around 10 percent, is several points lower than those of its main competitors, the company has brought its costs down while altering its product mix to concentrate on selling its highest-priced

It now claims one of the youngest model ranges in the European industry, Last year, it introduced the quirky Twingo and replaced the top-of-the-line R-25 with the Safrane. This year it has launched the Laguna to succeed the mid- to upper-range R-21, and next year it is due to replace the midrange R-19 with two models, one of them a larger version of the Twingo.

"By 1995, Renault's product range will have an average age of 3.7 years, which is quite young considering that a model is considered to have an eight-year life," Mr. Michelis said. He said the average age of Peugeot's current range was 5.6 years and that of its sister company. Citroën, 5.3

Mr. Schweitzer, meanwhile, hopes to tap expected booms in China and South America over the next few years. In November it took a 45 percent stake in a Chinese joint venture. Sanjing Renault Automotive, to produce 40,000 minibuses a year

On Renault's possible search for partners, one recent report said the company had received a See RENAULT, Page 13

Wall Street Gets Whipsawed in **Volatile Trading**

By Lawrence Malkin

International Herald Tribine
NEW YORK — Stocks tumbled Wednesday as major Wall Street firms and some of their gurus told investors to hold more cash. Nervousness about rising interest rates was the principal driving force, and serve Board would stop the squeeze that started the bear market. The Dow Jones industrial aver-

age closed at 3,626,75, off 72.27 ints. in heavy trading that was so volatile that curbs on program trading were imposed twice in one day after drops of 50 points, something that has happened only once before, on Aug. 21, 1990. Volume swelled to 390,06 mil-

lion shares on Wednesday from 301.15 million on Tuesday

The sharp fall in the blue-chip average in the last week has left the Dow 8.8 percent below its record of 3,978.36 set on Jan. 31, just before the Fed started tightening.

Stocks have mostly been following the bond market, and Wednesday's gyrations were no exception. After the morning's trading collar, the blue-chip barometer then climbed back about 30 points and wavered around midday waiting for bond prices to improve, which they failed to do. The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond wavered

slightly higher than Tuesday, and already a 13-month high — but then rose as high as 7.12 percent before closing at 7.10 percent. Smith Barney Shearson advised its clients to raise cash in their accounts from 15 to 25 percent and to no one knew when the Federal Re- cut both stock and bond holdings. Dean Witter Reynolds and

NatWest Securities made similar Elaine Garzarelli of Lehman Brothers lowered her composite U.S. stock indicator to 47 percent from 57.5 percent, Ms. Garzarelli, who largely follows the relationship between short-term interest rates and stock prices and yields, is

widely followed because she pre-dicted the 1987 Wall Street collapse. She said the current maket resembled periods in 1971, 1975. 1976, and 1988 when stocks declined 10 to 15 percent, and she said there was an even chance of that happening now.

Michael Metz of Oppenheimer & Co. who correctly predicted the current decline and the causes for it as far back as late autumn, said the b stock market would go down an additional 15 or 20 percent and; that the reason was "very simple." "The mania created in the mas-

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GATT at an Impasse Over Labor Standards

Compiled in Our Stuff From Disputches GENEVA - GATT negotiators, locked in disagreement over workers' rights, failed on Wednesday to approve a declaration capping the seven-year Uruguay

Round of trade negotiations. The impasse raised the prospect of last-minute wrangling over the contentious issue ahead of the signing of the overall General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade accord in

Marrakesh, Morocco, on April 15. The United States continued to insist that labor standards should

gram of the planned World Trade erence to the labor-standards is-Organization, the successor to

the world trade watchdog in 1995. It is supposed to have more power to carry out international trade law and settle disputes. The chief U.S. negotiator for the

Uruguay Round, John Schmidt. said the United States would refuse to sign a declaration defining the future work role of the WTO unless labor issues were on the agenda.

"We are not prepared to agree to be placed on the initial work pro- the declaration without a clear ref-

sue," he said, after a meeting of GATT's 119 members.

Developing countries oppose The WTO is to replace GATT as such a reference, arguing the United States could use labor standards, or so-called social dumping, as a way of being protectionist.

Social dumping refers to West-ern companies closing factories in the industrial world and reopening them in developing states in order to benefit from cheap labor.

The declaration is due to be conclusion of the seven-year Uru- next week to try to resolve the issue

tion package. The talks began in of the Uruguay Round. . Uruguay. When the Uruguay Round nego-

last December they accepted a limited list of subjects would be examined in future WTO negotiations. Labor standards were not on that list and the December agreement precluded any addition to

The GATT director-general, Pesigned in Marrakesh as part of the ing of senior trade negotiators late year

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U.S. insistence on including labor standards in the declaration tiators agreed on a draft package would not unravel the Uruguay Round trade liberalization accord. But there are growing doubts on whether the U.S. Congress would ratify the accord this year.

Earlier this month Richard Gep-hardt, majority leader of the U.S. House of Representatives, suggestter Sutherland, plans a final meet- ed postponing a vote until nest

(Knight-Rukkr, 11)

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Amdahl: A Dinosaur Roars

By Catalina Ortiz The Associated Press

UNNYVALE, California — Amdahl Corp.'s president, E. Joseph Zemke, remembers trying to convince people a few years ago that mainframe computers were not dinosaurs on the verge of extinction.

It was not easy. Many businesses were switching to cheaper networks of desktop computers, the economy was in the doldrums, and it just was not savvy to invest in what many considered old technology. "It was very hard to stand up and have any credibility as the defender of the mainframe being anything more than a technically obsolescent thing like the buggy whip." Mr. Zemke said.

But mainframes - big computers that handle huge amounts of data for customers such as banks. airlines and government agencies — are still around, as is Amdahl.

Founded in the 1960s and now one of the Silicon Valley's oldest computer companies. Amdahl. whose survival some analysts had begun to doubt. has just emerged from a reorganization that it says will make it profitable this year.

Still, the moves reflect Amdahl's recognition that the mainframe is not immortal. The company says its new structure will help it compete, both in mainframes and with newer products.

The company this week announced strategic alliances with several database and advanced processor companies. They are the latest in a series of

joint ventures involving Amdahl.

Analysts say Amdahl is on the right track. Peter Labe, senior vice president of Buckingham Research, said the company appeared on the brink of going under in mid-1993.

"Now I think they have a hattle plan. It makes sense to me," he said. Amdahl is one of three major U.S. makers of

mainframes, along with International Business Machines Corp. and Unisys Corp.

For years, the company turned out mainframes compatible with IBM technology, long the industry standard. Amdahl grew to \$2.5 hillion in annual revenue, providing computers and services to 3,000 to 4,000 customers.

"We'd have gone on very nicely if technology were frozen in the early 80s." Mr. Zemke said. Instead, though, smaller computers and networks came along that cost far less than the main-frames but could handle the same tasks. Demand for the big machines fell.

In August 1993. Amdahl said it would cut manufacturing capacity by 50 percent and payrolls by one-third, or about 3,000 people. It reduced debt to \$136 million from \$411 million.

The restructuring resulted in a charge against 1993 earnings of \$478 million. That left the company with a loss of nearly \$580 million, compared with a loss of \$7 million the previous year. Revenue slumped 33 percent, to \$1.68 billion.

Amdahl also divided itself into independent business lines, including computer-storage sys-tems, customer services and applications development software.

To help modernize its mainframes, the company entered into an agreement with Fujitsu Ltd., which has a 44 percent stake in Amdahl, to develop big computers based on parallel processing. Amdahl's new mainframes are expected out in 1996. Until then, the company will continue to sell and improve its 5995M mainframes.

In recent months, Amdahl and other mainframe makers have seen rising sales and firmer prices. Mr. Zemke said demand was up because of economic recovery, slower-than-expected advances in the ability of personal-computer networks to handle mainframe tasks and a more "balanced view" of the big machines.

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Key Money Rates

CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES

Argentina's Stock Regulator Loses Power Struggle

By Nathaniel C. Nash

New York Times Service Martin Redrado had been known as the Golden Boy, a baby-faced regulator who had a need for the spotlight, a zeal to stop often rampant market manipulation, a willingness to take on executives of major industrial groups and strong connections with the country's top politicians.

BUENOS AIRES - In his three years as ally. President Carlos Saul Menem. signed a chief regulator of Argentina's stock market. decree firing Mr. Redrado for failing to "keep secret information obtained through the exercise of his functions."

Government officials had objected to Mr. Redrado's comments to the press about negotiations between the government and two Wall Street firms regarding a planned pur-chase of nearly \$1 billion worth of shares in of the Argentine capital markets.

But on Tuesday, those connections did not Yacimientos Petroliferos Fiscales SA, the help the 32-year-old regulator, as his chief Argentine oil company known as YPF.

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which was privatized in June. The removal of Mr. Redrado as president of the National Securities Commission was seen as a victory for Argentina's economy

minister, Domingo F. Cavallo. Mr. Cavallo had chafed at Mr. Redrado's high profile and had made it known be would like to put his own nominee in charge

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Signs of Recovery Warm California

piriting slide into the depths of re- a national jump in consumer conficession. California's long-awaited dence in March, it was reported ing to an analysis made public mains lower than the nation's.

Wednesday.

The University of California-Los fornia will be in recovery!" ex-Angeles report of a slow recovery is claimed Larry J. Kimbell and Tom group that the state's deepest slump in six decades has ended and

a fragile expansion is in progress. The new analysis may signal a asm however. Job gains are expeci-broader shift in perceptions about ed to be frustrating and uneven in California's economy in light of sur-the emerging recovery, and the

prising data on jobs and housing.

In a revision to be made public Friday, the state Employment De- jobs will vanish in the next few velopment Department now esti-mates that California added jobs in January and February - the first

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Los Angeles Times Service consecutive, two-month gain since LOS ANGELES — After a dismid-1990, California also shared in Tuesday, although the state level re-

"By the time you read this, Calithe first by a prominent forecasting K. Lieser in the UCLA report. which cited earthquake rebuilding aid as a short-term catalyst. There are limits to the enthusi-

> aerospace squeeze will continue. Thousands of high-paying defense years, often replaced by less-lucralive jobs in service industries. Yet even a lukewarm upturn would be a striking shift from the four-year barrage of bleak economic

> news, a traumatic period in which the state lost more than 600,000 jobs. For the first time since 1990. the UCLA analysis says. Californians have reason to anticipate an increase in jobs, incomes, retail sales and construction.

To make their case, economists at the UCLA Business Forecasting Project selected from a growing if tentative array of evidence:

• Payroll jobs rose 15,900 in February and 7,300 in January - a month in which officials had previously counted a decline, according to estimates by the state Employment Development Department. Business failures in January, as

pared to a year ago. Sales of existing homes have been running about 20 percent higher than year-ago levels, a rally that could boost purchases of everything from curtains to carpets to

kitchen cabinets.

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gauged by Dun & Bradstreet Corp.. fell 23.3 percent in California. com-

"We've changed our thinking." said Adrian Sanchez, a regional economist at Los Angeles-based First Interstate Bancorp, which is currently revising its own forecast U.S. dollars per ounce. Langua atticial tis- in light of the improved economic news. "California is clearly close to a recovery.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Shareholders of Fidelity International Fund (the "Fund") are hereby convened to an Extraordinary General Meeting of shareholders to be held on April 15, 1994 at the registered office of the Fund, Kansallis House, Place de l'Etoile, in Luxembourg at 12,00 am, with the following:

To approve the merger of the Fund into Fidelity Funds, a "Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable" under the laws of Luxembourg having its registered office at Kansallis House, Place de

(i) the report of the Board of directors explaining and justifying the merger proposal published in the Memorial. Recueil Special of Luxembourg on November 25, 1993, no 561.

(ii) The audit report prescribed by article 266 of the law of 10th August 1915 regarding

commercial companies prepared by Coopers & Lybrand, Luxembourg, and subject to approva of the said merger proposal by the shareholders meeting of Fidelity Fund, if any.

1. to approve such merger proposals: to approve the allocation of shares in Fidelity Funds - International Fund in exchange for the contribution of all assets and liabilities of the Corporation to Fidelity Funds - International Fund, a fund set up within Fidelity Funds at the ratio determined on the effective date of the merger on the basis of the respective net asset values per share;

3, to state that upon the issue of the shares of the class International Fund in Fidelity Funds to the shareholders of Fidelity International Fund, all the shares of Fidelity International Fund in issue shall be cancelled and Fidelity International Fund shall be dissolved:

4, to approve that all steps shall be taken by the Board of directors of the Corporation for the implementation of the merger proposals. Resolutions on the agenda of the Extraordinary General Meeting will require a quorum of at least 50% of the outstanding shares and will be adopted if voted by two thirds (2/3) of the shares

present or represented. The following documents shall be at the disposal of the shareholders for inspection and for copies

free of charge at the registered office of the Corporation: the Merger Proposals and the related Merger Agreement.

In order to take part to this General Meeting, owners of bearer shares will arrange for evidence of

2, the annual reports of the Corporation and Fidelity Funds for their respective last three financial years.

3. the semi-annual report of the Corporation for the period ended May 31, 1993.
4. interim financial statements as at October 31, 1993 for the Corporation.

5. the reports of the Board of directors of the Corporation and of Fidelity Funds. 6, the report of Coopers & Lybrand relating to the merger proposal.

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MARKET DIARY

Yen Gains Strength On Trade Dispute

NEW YORK - The plunging stock market quashed interest in buying dollars, leaving the currency nearly flat against most other units and lower against the yen. The dollar fell to 102.840 yen from 103.125 Tuesday, a six-week low, burdened by renewed senti-

Foreign Exchange

ment that the U.S. government endorses a stronger Japanese curren-cy as a solution to the current trade

The dollar edged up to 1.6751 Deutsche marks from 1.6726 Tues-day and to 5.7237 French francs from 5.7230. But it slipped to 1.4185 Swiss frames from 1.4225 Tuesday. The pound fell to \$1,4795 from \$1,4850.

The yen's strength spurred talk that the Bank of Japan and the Federal Reserve Board bought dollars to stem the U.S. currency's slide. One dealer said that if central banks fail

access plan proposed by Japan this week has rekindled sentiment that President Bill Clinton was endorsing a stronger yen in order to make Japanese goods more expensive for U.S. consumers, thus choking off demand and lowering Japan's trade

surplus. The mark was undermined by the Bundesbank's latest incremental easing of interest rates in the form of a 4-basis-point cut in its

securities repurchase rate. Analysts said the Bundesbank's move appears to make clear that the central bank remains firmly on course to lower key interest rates. (Reuters, Knight-Ridder, AFX)

MARKET: Shares Slump

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ket by real short-term rates staying at zero for so long pulled people out of bank deposits and into stocks and bonds who shouldn't have been there in the first place." he said. "Now that the Fed is raising real interest rates, people are adjusting their valuations for the

U.S. Stocks

returns they get and those who piled into stocks and bonds are piling out.

Not all hig firms have changed their asset allocations. Those that did not included Merrill Lynch & Co., Goldman, Sachs & Co., CS First Boston and Salomon Brothers

"I continue to believe that we are in a correction in an ongoing bull market," said Steven Einhorn of Goldman Sachs, adding that he believed Wall Street would pick up again after the uncertainty ends and that long-term investors

should sit tight.
The problem for Wall Street forecasters as well as investors is that none of them knows when the Fed is going to stop raising rates. When Alan Greenspan, the central bank chairman, sold Congress at the end of January that the central bank was going to start tightening. the federal funds rate, which sets the wholesale cost of money, was at 3 percent. Since inflation was at the same level, real interest rates were

said to be at zero. The Fed has raised rates twice by one-quarter point since then, and Fed watchers predict that it will stop at between 4 percent and 4.5 percent, when it thinks it has done just coming up this week."

enough to slow the economy to its normal path of just below 3 per

The problem is that neither they nor the Fed knows what the appropriate level to reach that target should be, and this uncertainty has clobbered bond and then stock markets.

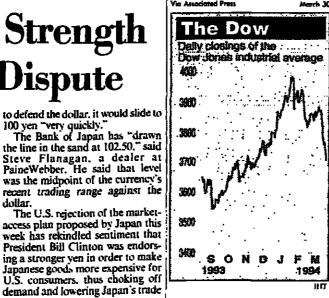
So it was the bond and Fed watchers' opinions that carried weight. David Jones of Aubrey Lanston & Co. said that the Fed's long period of low rates poured too much money into the market and made valuations "100 rich."

Then the Fed turned around and the White House mishandled Japanese trade negotiations, he said. which produced massive sales by Japanese bondholders." Mr. Jones also factored in the domestic politics of the Whitewater scandal and such foreign crises as North Korea.

"We have a wimp in the White House and everyone all over the world is going to try to scare him. and that scares Wall Street." Mr.

Sam Kahan of Fuji Securities agreed that the primary impetus was psychological and its principal effect was not on long-term investors but on mutual fund managers.

"Any modern portfolio theory says the driving force of stock prices is short-term rates," he said. "If the Fed is doing things right, this correction will only be temporary. But meanwhile you have nervous people managing billions in funds who get painted into a corner every quarter because they have to show results. and the end of that first quarter is



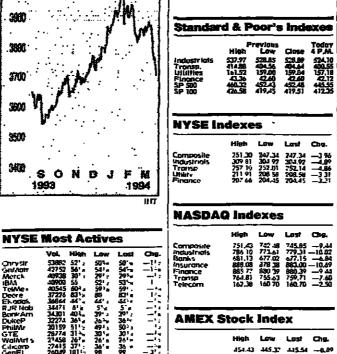
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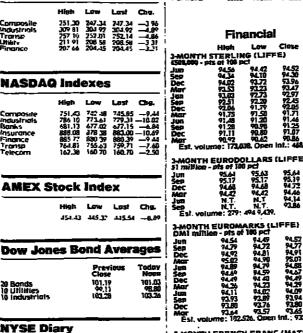
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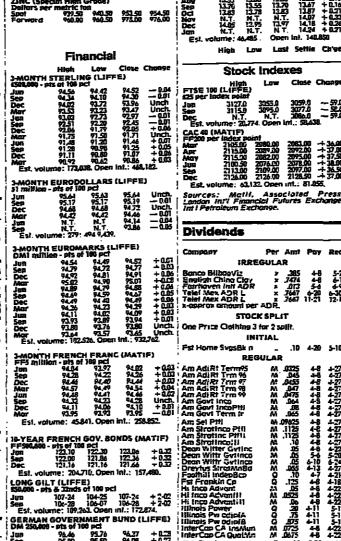


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AMEX Diary

Compiled in Our Staff From Disputcher LONDON - Wall Street's weakness spilled over into Europe on Wednesday, with most major indexes sliding at least 1 percent.

Concerns that rising U.S. interest rates will draw U.S. investment eash back home and away from overseas markets aided the sell-off, analysts said. Bonds traveled in the opposite direction, with prices buoved by the Bundesbank's cut in its securities repurchase rate to 5.76 percent from 5.80 percent. The British Treasury's comment that inflationary pres-

The Financial Times 100-share index lost 0.99 percent, slipping to 3.092.40 points from 3.123.40 on Tuesday. In Paris, the CAC-40 index dropped 1.86 percent, to 2.083,87, and in Frankfurt, the DAX index fell 0.96 percent, to 2.147.53 points.

The European component of the International Her-ald Tribune World Stock Index fell 0.68 percent, to

Still, fund managers in Britain said they were little troubled by what they saw as a short-term reaction to declines in the United States. "The move's been emosures "remained weak" fueled a rally in British bond tional rather than logical," said Stewart Higgins, fund prices that sent the yield on the benchmark 10-year manager at Martin Currie Investment Management (Bloomberg, AFP, Reuters) ssue down to 7.60 percent from 7.87 percent Tuesday.

To Our Readers

Because of the seven-hour time difference between New York and Paris until April 3. some items in the Market Summary above are from 3 P.M. New York time instead of the usual 4 P.M.

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Northrop Offers to Raise Grumman Takeover Offer

NEW YORK (AP) - Northrop Corp. on Wednesday said it would be willing to sweeten its bid for Grumman Corp. to \$62 a share, or \$2.11 billion, raising pressure on rival Martin Marietta Corp. to increase its \$55-a-share offer.

Northrop, which has already offered \$60 a share, also rejected Grumman bidding rules that sought best and last offers for the company. It gave Grumman until 3 P.M. on Thursday to accept its \$62 offer, and said it would reduce the bid to \$60 after that time.

U.S. Eases Electronics Export Curbs

WASHINGTON (Combined Dispatches) - The United States said Wednesday it will scrap Cold War export controls on shipments of most

telecommunications equipment and computers to China and the former Soviet bloc, although the curbs would remain for North Korea.

The move could mean billions of dollars in extra business for U.S. companies. The executive-branch action, which takes effect Thursday. follows U.S. agreement with its allies to end the Cold War regime that placed strict limits on exports to the West's former communications. laced strict limits on exports to the West's former communist foes, Robert Rubin, a White House economic adviser, said export licenses

would still be required for North Korea. Before the export announcement, US West Inc. said it received a \$125 million loan guarantee from the Overseas Private Investment Corp., a U.S. government agency, to develop Russian telecommunications networks.

(Reuters. AFX, Bloomberg)

Factory Orders Slip With Plane Sales

WASHINGTON (AP) - A sharp drop in military and commercial ircraft sales in February caused the first decline in orders to U.S. factories since last summer, according to a report Wednesday by the U.S. Commerce Department, but analysts said they were upheat.

Orders to U.S. factories fell 1 percent in February, breaking a sixnonth string of advances, the department said.

Analysts said a closer look at the report discloses underlying strength in the manufacturing sector of the economy. They said that excluding highly volatile defense and aircraft sales, orders were up 4.9 percent.

Genetics Research Deal Planned

NEW YORK (NYT) - in a vote of confidence for the emerging drugdiscovery science of genomics. Hoffman-La Roche Inc. plans to enter a research collaboration agreement with Millennium Pharmaceuticals Inc. valued at more than \$70 million.

The collaboration would cover the use of Millennium's proprietary genomics technology for the development of drugs to treat obesity and adults open dishares. adult-onset diabetes. Genomics aims to identify all the genetic information in the human body.

New Sullivan Rules on South Africa

PHOENIX (AP) - The author of the Sullivan principles, which asked businesses to promote integration and equal opportunity in South Africa. has developed new rules for those planning to return there. The Reverend Leon Sullivan's follow-up rules call for companies and other investors to be socially responsible in returning to South Africa.

Spectrum Loses Another Chairman

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — Edward Maskaly, who was named chairman and chief executive officer of Spectrum Information Technologies Inc. just a week ago, said Wednesday he would resign from

the company as soon as a replacement has been found.

Mr. Maskaly is the third chief executive to leave the company since February, Spectrum said Mr. Maskaly felt the company needs a new leader with no past ties to the Manhasset. Long Island, company, which designs and licenses wireless cellular technology.

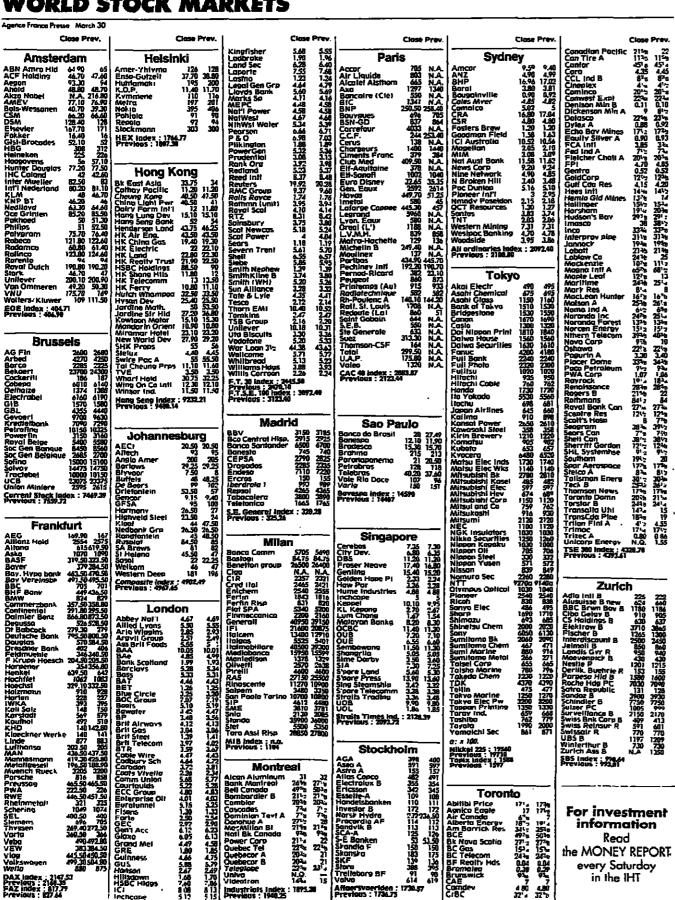
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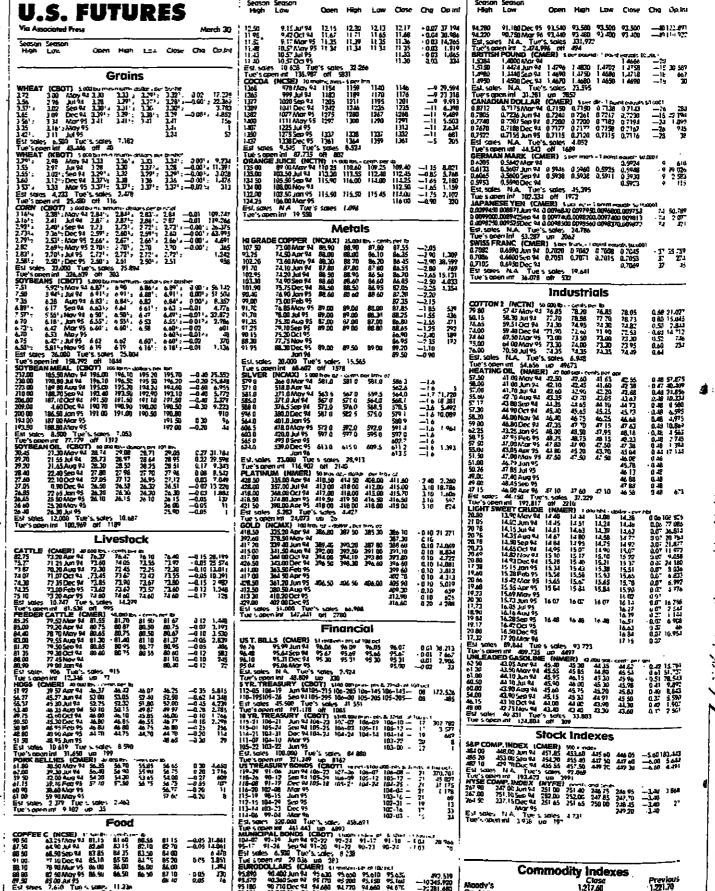
WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) - The U.S. Commerce Department on Wednesday proposed steep tariffs on imports of low-priced color photographic paper made by Fuji Photo Film Co. The ruling came in response to a complaint by Eastman Kodak Co., which alleged that the Japanese company was using profits from its monopoly position at home to subsidize low prices in the United States in violation of U.S. trade law.

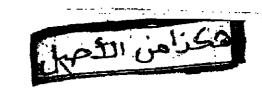
For the Record

Allied Signal Inc. has ended talks with the German chemicals company BASF AG without reaching agreement on creating a joint venture of their textile and carpet fiber businesses, an Allied spokesman announced Wednesday.

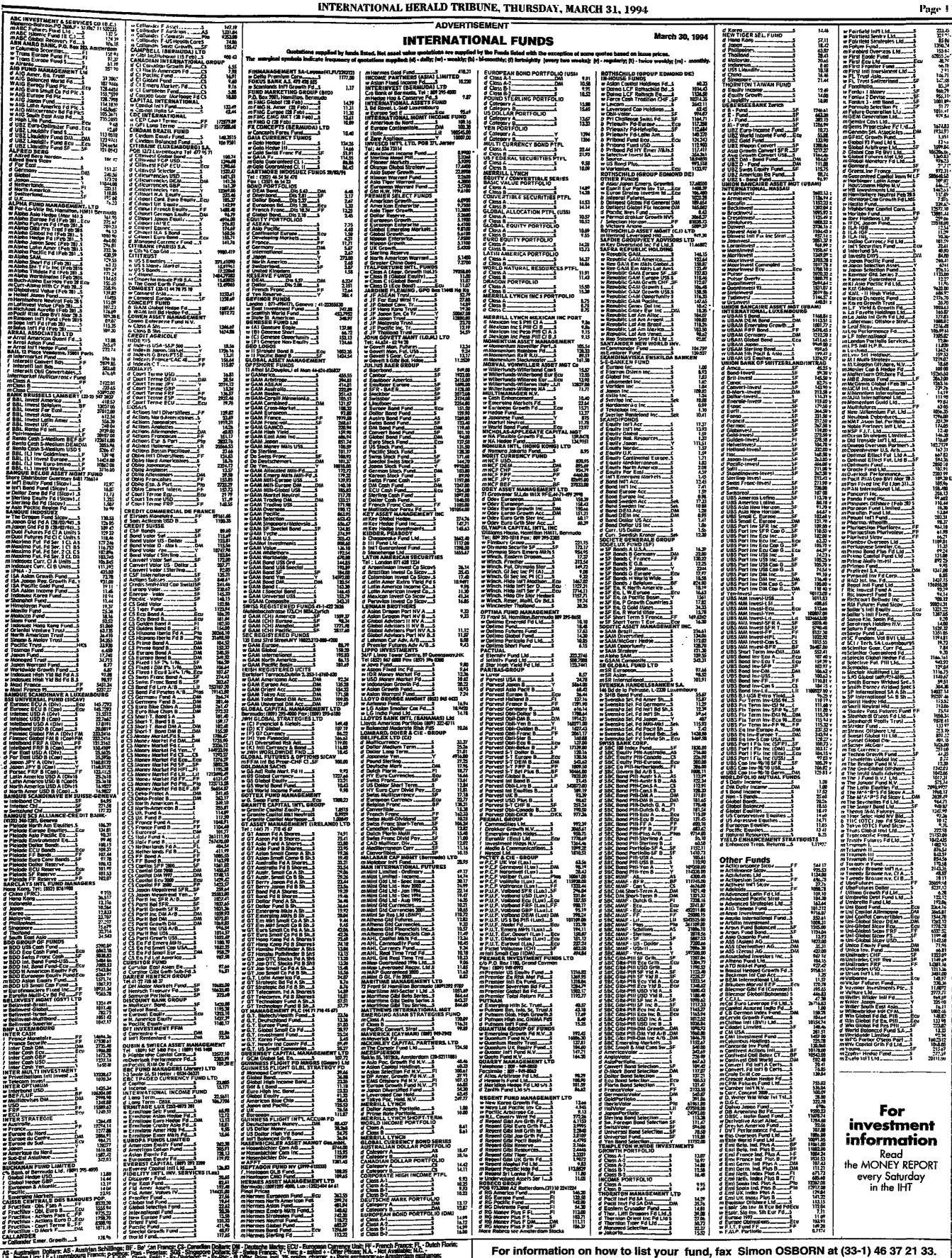
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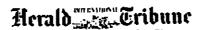


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Metallgesellschaft Shares Rally as Loss Narrows

By Brandon Mitchener International Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT — Despite lingering doubts about its top man-agement, shares in Metaligesells-chaft AG rose Wednesday following a report that initial restructuring efforts are cutting the industrial conglomerate's losses.

Metallgesellschaft's shares rose 4 ретсепt, or 11.50 Deutsche marks a share, to 196.50 DM, in Frankfurt. Karl-Josef Neukirchen, the company's caretaker chairman, told shareholders that the company's operating loss in the first five months of the current financial year "improved to" 50 million DM (\$30 million) from an 80.2 million DM shortfall in the same period a

year ago. Excluding its troubled Metallgesellschaft Corp. subsidiary in New York, the company achieved a pretax profit of 55 million DM in the five-month period, he said, calling the interim results the first signs of

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nounced it was removing Jean-Yves Haberer, former president of the loss-ridden state-owned bank Credit

Lyonnais, as chairman of the smaller Credit National.

gestion that Mr. Haberer be removed had been ap-

proved at a cabinet meeting. A Finance Ministry

source said Tuesday that Mr. Haberer was about to be

dismissed from the post he had held since November.

Credit National is a much smaller state-controlled

Mr. Alphandery also said there would be an inquiry

into how Credit Lyonnais, which had a loss of 6.9

billion francs (\$1.2 billion) last year, had been man-

financial institution than Crédit Lyonnais.

Finance Minister Edmond Alphandery said his sug-

PARIS - The government on Wednesday an-

restructuring.
Metallgesellschaft was driven to

the brink of bankruptcy late last year when Metallgesellschaft Corp. was forced to abandon oil hedging positions at a loss of 2.3 billion DM. A management purge has since claimed the careers of more than 30 former top executives of the German company and its sub-

But analysts said the relative at-traction of Metallgesellschaft stock has increased substantially since it fell from a high of 435 DM a share last November as would-be investors overcame their fear of aftershocks from the crisis, which ended with a bank bailout.

"The point now is whether or not you believe Mr. Neukirchen and his boys can engineer a turnaround," said Peter Dupont, a European-metalworking-industry analyst at UBS Phillips & Drew in

Paris Fires Haberer From Crédit National

"great progress" in the company's that won't directly affect the share price," he said, referring to wide-spread dissatisfaction among shareholders with management's handling of the crisis.

At the company's annual meet-ing Wednesday, shareholders heaped scorn on Chairman Ronaldo Schmitz and other members of the supervisory board.

Jochen Knösel, who claimed to represent a group of small shareholders, demanded that the supervisory board's compensation not only be delayed pending the outcome of an internal investigation but that it be scratched altogether.

Frankfurt prosecutors, meanwhile, announced that they had begun an investigation of fraud involving Hans-Werner Nolting and Heinrich Götz, the only two members of the former Metaligesellschaft management board who were not fired in December along with Heinz Schimmelbusch, the former

called for such an inquiry Tuesday, saying the former

Socialist government had pressured him to "support

important sectors of the economy" even if that meant

Nicolas Sarkozy, France's budget minister and gov-

The Socialist government was succeeded by the

current conservative government after elections a year

ago. A conservative political leader, Bernard Pons,

said Wednesday that although "officially" the net consolidated loss for 1993 was 6.9 billion francs.

Crédit Lyonnais's true 1993 deficit "might be more

ernment spokesman, said that "management mis-takes" had been made while Mr. Haberer was chair-

running up large losses.

man of Crédit Lyonnais.

Mexico is considered a benchmark market for emerging-country debt. There are a lot of people

who are in quite a lot of pain traders have been long on Brady bonds for the past three years," said one emerging market source from a European bank. He was referring to bonds issued under debt-rescheduling accords with creditors that followed a relief plan suggested in 1989 by Nicholas Brady, the

former U.S. Treasury secretary. Eurobond prices have con-

89 against a 99.368 issue price.

Eurobonds Fade In Latin America; Compiled in Our Staff From Dispatches No Relief in Sight

ing Tuesday at 85,875, down

Emerging-market Eurobonds looked like they could run and

run in the second half of last

year, but this year the market

The total volume of new Lat-

in American bond issues

dropped to \$3.20 billion in the

first quarter, from \$6.25 billion

Traders recite a litany of

planned emerging-market

bonds that borrowers have

These include global dollar

bonds for Turkey and the Na-

tional Bank of Hungary, a Eur-

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Argentina and a dollar bond for

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Bank of India, Global issues are

sold in many jurisdictions.

while Euro issues are sold int he

the Brazilian oil company Pe-

trobras, which says it will post-

Floating-rate notes and deals

maturing in 1995 are the only

sectors to have held their own.

traders said. "There is an accep-tance of floaters." said one. But

he added that notes from Mexi-

can borrowers would still fail to

Syndicate managers say they

hope the end of the Easter

break and the close of the Japa-

attract investors.

pone a planned mark issue.

Latest to join the club was

offshore Euromarkets.

in the last quarter of 1993.

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looks like it's losing steam.

from a 99.516 launch price.

LONDON - Prices of Latin American and other emergingmarket Eurobonds have sunk so dramatically in the past few weeks that traders are renaming them submerging markets. and chances of near-term recovery

Spiraling U.S. interest rates and volatile European bond markets have driven all but the most hardy of Eurobond issuers away from the fixed-income

look slim.

High-yielding bonds have suffered even more from investor jitters. They were shaken by the assassination last week of the leading Mexican presidential candidate. Luis Donaldo

tinued to fall this week, with little good news to fuel an up-

Argentina's \$1.0 billion 10year global bond was quoted at nese financial year will bring Mexico's BNCE \$1.0 billion

Bundesbank Lets Rate Slip Lower

FRANKFURT — The Bundesbank sanctioned a marginal cut Wednesday in a key money market interest rate, affirming its gradual approach to reducing the cost of credit in Germany.

But economists said the central bank may wait until late April for more money supply or inflation data before cutting the discount

The Bundesbank's weekly securities repurchase agreement, or repo rate, which sets the trend for money-market interest rates, fell to a low of 5.76 percent from 5.8 per-cent last week. The central bank engineered the drop by making available a total of 65.9 billion Deutsche marks (\$39.5 billion) to commercial banks in replacement of a facility of 67.1 billion DM.

The Belgian central bank also announced Wednesday that it had trimmed two key money market rates. Its central rate was clipped to 6.05 from 6.15 percent after the announcement by the Bundesbank.

Economists said the new cut in the repo rate proved the Bundesbank was not letting worrisome money-supply growth stand in the way of credit easing. The M-3 mon-ey supply for February released last Thursday grew at an annua-lized rate of 17.6 percent, far above the Bundesbank's 1994 growth target of 4 to 6 percent. but slower

than 21.2 percent in January. "Twenty-four basis points in the last month — it's quite aggressive, and it's a sign that the Bundesbank will continue to ease despite the sharp increase in M-3." said Takahide Kiuchi, an economist at Nomura Research in Frankfurt. The repo rate has come down from 6 percent

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1993	1994 1993	1994	1993	1994
Exchange	index	Wednesda Glose	y Prev Close	% Change
Amsterdam	AEX	404.71	406.90	-0.54
Brussela	Stock Index	7,459.39	7,559.72	-1.19
Frankfurt	DAX.	2,147.53	2,168.55	-0.96
Frankfurt	FAZ	817.79	827.66	-1.79
fielsinki	HEX	1,766,77.	1,807.30	-2,24
London	Financial Times 90	2,445.50	2,470.10	-1.00
London	FTSE 100	3,092.40	.3,123.40	-0.99
Madrid	General ladex	320,28	325.26	-1.53
Milan	MIB	N.A.	1,104.00	<u>.</u>
Paris	CAC 40	2,083.87	2,123.44	-1.86
Stockholm	Affaersvaeriden · ·	1,730.57	1,736.75	-0.36
Vienna	Stock Index	471.25	476.56	-1.13

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 Fortis BV, the Dutch-Belgian banking and insurance company, said it was about to agree to the sale of its 50 percent stake in Delta Capital NV to AGF International SA, Delta's other shareholder. Delta owns 56.5 percent of Assubel-Leven NV, one of Belgium's largest insurers. Lithnania decided to peg its currency to the dollar in a bid to attract

more foreign investment and pave the way to full convertibility. • VNU BV, the Dutch mass-circulation publisher, set the price of 3.1

million new shares issued to finance the takeover of Billboard magazine's publisher at 169 guilders (\$90.18) each.

 Harrisons & Crosfield PLC, the British-based conglomerate, said pretax profit rose 15 percent, to £85 million (\$126.6 million), in 1993 and was boosted by upturns for British construction and U.S. chemicals. Coca-Cola Amatil Ltd. of Australia said it signed an agreement to

acquire a 75 percent shareholding in the company that owns the compa-

ny's franchise in Slovenia. • GKN PLC, the British engineering company, said it has lifted its 45 percent stake in Westland Group, a maker of helicopters, to 50.03 percent after raising its offer to 335 pence per share from an original bid of 290

Trading Helps Deutsche Bank

Compiled by Our Stuff From Disputches FRANKFURT - Operating profit at Deutsche Bank AG rose lo percent last year, sources said Wednesday.

They said profit was 5.27 billion Deutsche marks (\$3 billion), 2 billion of which came from trading income. The profit does not include a 3.29 billion DM provision for bad or doubtful loans.

The bank refused to comment on the figures before their official release Thursday. (AFX, Reuters)

aged. Mr. Haberer, who became its chairman in 1988. in February. investors back into the market. Italy's Markets Cheered by Signs of an End to Chaos

MILAN - Investors returned to Italian markets in force Wednesday, betting that the rightist coalition, led by Silvio Berlusconi, would be able to capitalize on its election victory and rapidly form a cohesive government.

The Milan bourse's Mibtel index closed 2.6 percent higher and the lira and bond market chalked up healthy gains as confidence grew that the political chaos in Italy was coming to an end.

Shares had shed 2 percent Tuesday in the wake of the rightist coalition's sweeping victory amid fears the three main parties within the coalition would struggle to work together.

willing to compromise in order to hold onto

combative leader of the federalist Northern sure it'll do it again." League, Umberto Bossi.

prime minister.

poured scorn on his political allies but has funds. now softened his stance. "If all goes well then

But since the vote, Mr. Berlusconi and his we should be able to form a government erali SpA ended 1,800 lire higher at 40,950 disparate Freedom Alliance have looked rapidly," he was quoted as saying after his (\$25), Fiat SpA rose 140 to 5.340 and Mediomeeting with Mr. Berlusconi.

"Bossi's bark is worse than his bite." a Mr. Berlusconi, who heads the free-market Milan-based analyst said. "The League has Forza Italia party, on Wednesday met the shown in the past it can compromise and I'm

Gains were chalked up across the board on After the meeting, news of which came out the Milan bourse, with insurance stocks esafter the markets had closed, Mr. Berlusconi pecially bright. Dealers said the sector had said he thought Mr. Bossi had dropped his been fearful a victory by the left would have longstanding objections to having him as exposed them to more taxes on their assets. while the rightists' win should lead to active During the election campaign. Mr. Bossi state encouragement for private pension

Among major shares. Assicurazioni Gen-rally.

banca SpA rose 351 to 15,950.

Olivetti SpA fell 68 to 2,570, peeling back the gain made Tuesday after it was awarded a license to run Italy's second cellular phone system. The shares are still up more than 30 percent since the start of the year.

Among other telecommunication shares Società Finanziaria Telefonica ended 150 higher at 5,500 while SIP Societa Italiana per L'Esercizio Telecommunicazioni rose 132 to

But analysts warned that the Italian markets had not yet embarked on a sustained

Banking Hurts AGF Profit

Committed by Chir Staff From Disputches PARIS — Assurances Génerales de France, the state-owned insurance company that is set to be privatized soon, said Wednesday its net profit for 1993 fell 35 percent from the previous year because of

losses in its banking operations. AGF earned 977 million francs (\$170 million) in 1993, down from 1.495 billion francs a year ago. The total included a 2.52 billion franc loss from banking divisions, includ- trepreneurs. ing a loss of 1.398 billion at its

Banque du Phénix subsidiary. The other hanking losses came from Comptoir des Entrepreneurs, which is 29.7 percent owned by AGF.

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AGF said it expected a recovery in banking activities in 1994, which should improve profits. The company also said it would receive about 600 million francs in compensation from the French government for its role in the financial restructuring of Comptoir des En-

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proposal from Fiat, which gave the French government 250 days to make a deal. The government denied the report, and analysts said that while Fiat's truck subsidiary. lyeco, might make a good partner for Renault's RVI truck business. there would be little to gain in bringing the two companies' car

operations together.

Mr. Lawson suggested that a link
with MAN Nutzfahrzeuge GmbH of Germany would make "a better fit" with Renault, in terms of both product offerings and geographic markets. The German truck maker has no stake in the American mar-

Mack Trucks Inc. subsidiary.
While RVI appears to be making a comeback, analysts say it will have a difficult time surviving the next cyclical downturn in the truck industry and therefore needs to

Some people, however, are questioning the French government's

sale of Renault, considered a social icon by some in France, could spark vet another headline-grabbing labor conflict that could fur-ther hurt Prime Minister Edouard

The French pay-television company Canal Plus SA said its net profit rose 8.9 percent, to 1.2 billion francs, in 1993 from 1.1 billion

Operating profit, excluding fi-

francs a year earlier. Bloomberg Business News reported.

nancial charges and one-time items, fell 2,5 percent, to 1.65 bil-

France this year.

look for a partner.

Balladur's popularity. ■ Canal Plus Profit Rises

Canal Plus said that in light of the weak economy, it was making conservative forecasts for subscription growth inside and outside

position that the search for a partner is what is delaying Renault's planned privatization. They sugfinance and the former head of Latgest the move reflects its fear that a in American operations for the accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand, to head the CNV, which is the Spanish acronym for the Na-

Mr. Redrado's removal from office had little impact on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange, which was virtually unchanged Tuesday.

Buenos Aires brokerage chief who

insisted on anonymity. "But you

knew one day he would be pushed Art, te out by Cavallo." Analysts said they did not expect

teneck has vast market and accounting experience and is expected to be a tough, though lowprofile, regulator.

To be sure, in this country where s pain the push and shove of politics are cludin always close to the surface. Mr. 188y b Cavallo had made it no secret he 298 b wanted Mr. Redrado out of his job. Their enmity dates back more than two years, when Mr. Redrado

publicly criticized a plan by Mr. d Mor

Government officials said Mr.

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tional Securities Commission. In a news conference, Mr. Redrado refused to criticize Mr. Cavallo, saying only that he refused to resign under pressure in an attempt to preserve the independence of the

regulatory body. "We should put this episode behind us." Mr. Redrado said.

"A lot of people will be sorry to see Martin leave because, despite his insistence on having too high a profile, he did things no other regulator before him had done," said a

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Nippon Steel Expands Its Cuts To Executives

TOKYO - Nippon Steel Corp. said Wednesday its three-year streamlining project would include trimming administrative and possibly directors' positions as well its previously outlined goal of cutting

7,000 steel-related jobs. The steelmaker said its plan, which begins next month, now called for eliminating 46 of its 280 management positions and perhaps reducing its total of 48 directors.

But the company said it still did not plan to lay off employees. Instead, it plans to make the reductions by reduced hiring, not filling vacant posts and transferring some employees to its affiliates.

Dispute Ended, ADB to Double Capital Base

. Agence France-Presse MANILA - The Asian Development Bank board approved Wednesday a 100 percent general capital increase, to nearly \$48 billion, to meet the financial needs of a boom-

ing region. The decision marked the end of a dispute between the United States and Japan over future operations of the institution. They had clashed over the proposed capital increase at the bank's last annual meeting in 1993, with Tokyo and borrowing members arguing strongly for the 100 percent

Washington, hampered by domestic budgetary problems and supported by European donors, had demanded an inquiry into how the bank's

money had been spent Tokyo and Washington each hold 13.3 percent of voting rights in the bank.

In an apparent concession to Washington, the bank has moved to cut expenses and be more selective about the projects it finances.

announced plan to reduce the work force to 20,000 in three years by eliminating 4,000 white-collar jobs and 3,000 engineering positions. Nippon Steel said in October

1993 that it would aim to raise parent-company current profit by 300 billion yen (\$2.9 billion) over the three-year period, in part through those job cuts.

The company has said it would have a loss of 19 billion yen in the year that ends Thursday, reversing parent-company current profit of 28.88 billion yen the year before.

"Business conditions are much more severe than they were during the oil crisis in the 1970s," the company's president. Takashi Imai, said. "To tackle the crucial conditions, we decided to aim at a small-

Nippon Steel said it would save one-third of the 300 billion yen target over the three years by cutting employment, another onethird by upgrading production technology and cutting operating costs, and the rest by reducing what it spends for raw materials and through other measures.

The company said it would cut capital spending to 340 billion yen over the next three years, a 40 percent reduction from the three years now ending, and would cut inventories to 60 billion yen, a 15 percent reduction,

Another big steelmaker, NKK Corp., said two weeks ago that it was raising its three-year target for job cuts to 4,500, or 26 percent of its work force, from 3,200 previously announced. (AFP. Reuters)

■ Output Remains Sluggish Japan's industrial production in February rose 0.2 percent from the January level, but the Ministry of International Trade and Industry said it was still down 4.2 percent from a year earlier, news agencies reported.

The small February increase followed a 1 percent jump in January. "We need to confirm more indicators before judging whether industrial output hit a bottom in the October-December period," a ministry official said.

(AFP, Reuters)

Property Bonds Sag in Hong Kong A Step Backward for Colony's Nascent Debt Market

HONG KONG — When three of Hong Kong's most famous real estate developers tapped the London-based Eurobond market last fall to raise \$1.1 billion, it was widely viewed as a major step forward for the British colony's nascent debt market

It turned out to be anything but. The original investors who bought the corporate bonds of Hong Kong's elite property compa-nies — Cheimg Kong (Holdings) Ltd., Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd. and Henderson Land Development Co. - have watched the

value of their holdings plunge.

The underwriters, Morgan Stanley & Co. and Goldman, Sachs & Co., are holding from one-third to one-half of the issues on their own books, according to rival firms in Hong Kong. To unload the bonds, which appeared to have been priced too high, they may have

to sell them at far lower prictes.

Goldman attributed the downturn in bond prices to the "decline across the board in the Eurobond market" in recent months.

The bond markets have been hit hard since early February, when the Federal Reserve Board, the U.S. central bank, began pushing up short-term interest rates. This move signaled to investors around the world that inflation, the bond market's nemesis, was on the rise, and they have been dumping fixedincome securities ever since.

However, Goldman denied that it was saddled with a lot of unsold bonds, noting "the firm generally holds a position in such issues for trading purposes." Morgan Stanley declined to comment on the situation.

What happened? Top begin with, investors have ample reason to be wary of the bonds. Like most other Hong Kong companies, the three issues in question are not rated by major credit-review companies such as Moody's in-

HONG KONG - The Hong

Kong government, in its strongest

stand yet against real estate specu-

lators, said Wednesday it will try

to reduce prices in the colony's

"Our aim is to produce a credi-

ble package of measures which

will not only increase the supply,

but be sufficient to reduce

prices," Financial Secretary Ha-

mish Macleod told the local par-

liament, the Legislative Council.

ward trend in prices, not to keep

land prices high," he said, adding,

"It is not possible to fine-tune

"Our aim is to start a down-

feverish property market.

there was not much of a corporate bond market in the British territory. Without impartial rankings, investors cannoteasily measure the risk they are taking.

Another concern is that Hong Kong's real estate market may be heading for a big fall. After rising 150 percent since 1989, local real estate brokers say office rents will rise 60

The original investors in corporate bonds of Hong Kong's elite developers have watched the value of their holdings plunge.

percent this year, making Hong Kong the world's priciest real estate market.

That kind of growth is unsustainable. Should the boom turn bust, "it will affect the cash flow of the three companies," according

to Joseph Lau, head of fixed-income investments for Schroders Asia in Hong Kong.
What is more, Morgan Stanley and Goldman, Sachs apparently tried to bring the
bonds to market for much more than they were worth. As a result, the price has fallen harply in the secondary, or trading, market. Consider the \$300 million offering of fiveyear bonds for Henderson Land that Goldman underwrote last November. The bonds were priced to yield 95 basis points more than five-year U.S. Treasury bonds.

Bonds that are denominated in U.S. dollars vestors Service and Standard & Poor's Corp. are often compared with U.S. government

ulation comes from China. Hong

Kong's low interest rates are also

driving the boom. The banks' best

lending, or prime, rate is 6.75 per-

cent, compared with a government

inflation forecast of 8.5 percent for

Mr. Macleod said a govern-ment task force to be established

in the next few months would

examine ways of expanding the

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up the supply of property to the

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Mr. Macleod said he was pre-

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Government to Cool Feverish Real Estate Market

property prices, but only to nudge them fairly crudely in a

On Tuesday, Governor Chris

Patten said rising real estate prices have become his No. 1 domestic

priority. He said this would re-

A 953-square-foot (88-square-

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Wednesday for 6 million Hong Kong dollars (\$777,000). Office rents in the Central business dis-

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spreads to Treasuries of comparable manufities. This measure provides an idea of how corporate bonds are trading relative to the entire market, with U.S. government issues providing the benchmark because they are considered to be free of default risk.

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The spread is expressed in basis points, or one-hundredths of a percentage point. The riskier the corporate bonds, the more spread, or yield, an investor is offered to compensate.

Since the Henderson bonds started trading freely in the secondary market, the spread has widened to 145 basis points from the initial 95. The story is about the same for Cheung Kong, Hong Kong's largest real estate company. In September it sold \$500 million of five-

year bonds priced to yield 83 basis points more than its comparable U.S. government security. The spread has widened to 122 basis points. Analysts suggested the bonds should have initially offered much higher yields to reflect the risk of Hong Kong's real estate market collapsing - not to mention the reversion of the territory to Chinese rule in 1997.

"There are solid companies in Mexico, much stronger than these," Mr. Lau said, "and their bonds are at 250 over [Treasuries]." No Hong Kong companies have gone to the Euromarket, the U.S., or indeed to any other

major public debt market, since November, In the meantime, underwriters are trying to sell investors on convertible bonds. These allow investors to convert their bonds into the issuer's common stock at a fixed price.

"In emerging markets which are a very volatile sector, it makes more sense for investors to have an equity participation in a company so that risk and reward are more appropriately balanced, "said Simon Ruckert, general man-ager of investments and treasury at BNP International Financial Services, the private-banking subsidiary of Banque Nationale de Paris.

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Mr. Macleod did not rule out

resorting to a capital gains tax

but said such measures elsewhere

had led to mixed results, from

driving prices up to causing the

Increasing supply was the most

positive effort the government could take, he said. He added, "If

that does not succeed then I shall

be forced reluctantly to review

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eight times, the Beijing Evening News said, after thousands of Chinese paid a total of 1.79 billion yuan (\$206 million) to be entered in a lottery to decide who can buy shares in several companies.

• Tianiin Bohai Chemical Industry Co. will be the next Chinese company listed in Hong Kong, with an offer to raise 400 million to 500 million dollars, (\$52 million to \$65 million), securities sources said.

dian communications equipment supplier. Japanese companies' capital spending is estimated to have fallen 6.5
percent in the year ending Thursday and is expected to decline 4.2 percent

in the new smancial year, Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan said. • Kerry Group, owned by Robert Knok, plans to invest \$600 million in building at least 17 hotels, mostly in China, by 1997. Separately, Shangri-La Asia, a hotel company also controlled by Mr. Kuok, said its profit rose

• Amoor Ltd., an Australian paper and packaging group, said it planned to expand its Chinese operations by opening an 18 million Australian dollar (\$13 million) plant in Beijing.

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FLIMINATING ANY REQUIREMENT TO FILE CENSUS FORMS

PLEASE TAKE FORTHER NOTICE, that the Scheduling Order, the Placation, the Dismissal Procedures Order, the Administrative Freeze Order and the other exhibits to the Application shall be available at the Office of The United States Bankruptcy Clerk, One Bowling Green, 5th Floor, New York, New York 10004 during normal business hours or may be obtained by written request to counsel for the Debtor, Proskauer Rose Goetz & Mendelsohn, 15%5 Broadway, New York, New York 10036, Atm; Ellen Allen, accompanied by the property of \$16, 510 to cover the orate of the orate o

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Massive China Bond Issue REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA Banks on Strong Growth

BEIJING — China is planning to launch its largest annual domes-tic bond issue since 1949 this week, and economists said Wednesday that the government is gambling on strong economic growth in order to pay investors back.

Starting Friday, China will start selling 100 billion yuan (\$11 billion) in two- and three-year bonds, mostly to individual buyers, in an issue more than three times the size of that floated last year.

This issue is a dangerous gamble," a Japanese economist said. The authorities are gambling that

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steadily enough so that they can collect enough taxes to pay it back."

But an official from the Finance Ministry defended the stability of the issue. "We do not consider the sum dangerous," the official said. "We have never failed to repay domestic bonds. If the society is stable and the economy grows steadily there will be no danger.

The Finance Ministry has said that beginning this year, it would finance the rising budget deficit en-tirely through bond sales instead of issuing more money, which it said would be inflationary.

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE POWERHOUSE, CONCRETE DAMS; AND SPILLWAY AND INSTALLATION OF AUXILIARY ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

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2. PURPOSE OF THE PREQUALIFICATION

The purpose of this pregoalification is to invite companies specialized in the construction of hydroelectric projets, from any member country of the Interamerican Development Bank (IDB), to present the documentation required to prequalify in the bidding process for construction of the works under Contract No. 103-31 of the Caruachi Project. These works basically include the Powerhouse. Concrete Dams, and Spillway constructed on foundations escavated by others, and the Installation of Auxiliary Electrical and Mechanical Equipment.

The Powerhouse will have a length of 360 meters and will comprise six monoliths that will house 12 generating units. The Powerhouse will also include its corresponding service lays plus one 60-meter erection bay. The Main Dam will include the Intake structures, integrated with the Powerhouse, comprising six 60-meter unde nonoliths. The Spillway will be the overflow type and have a length of 178 meters and nine radial gates. The Installation of Auxiliary Electrical and Mechanical Equipment will include the following: Trashracks, Bulkheads, and Gates for the Spillway and Intakes, Air Conditioning System, Isolated Phase Bisses, Generator Switchgear; Distribution Transformers and Courrol Boards; as well as the embedded parts for the Hydraulic Turbines.

The other portions of the works, such as the supply and installation of principal generating equipment and the supply of electrical and mechanical equipment, will be accomplished throught a separate bidding process.

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The works will be financed by EDELCA with its own funds and from IDB Loan No. 788/OC-VE. The contracting of these works and the acquisition of goods under the IDB Loan is subject to the conditions in the loan agreement. LOCATION OF THE PROJECT

The Project is located at a site named Canachi on the Caroni River, about 36 kilometers from its confluence with the Orinoco River, in the Caroni District of Bolivar State. Republic of Venezuela. The closest population center is Ciudad Guayana (30 km), which is composed of the cities of San Felix and Puerto Ordaz.

5. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WORKS

The works to be executed under Contract 103-31 will essentially comprise the
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5. DELIVERY OF PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS Companies interested in participating in the Pregualification Process must brain the Pregualification Document. This Document is available in the offices of ooxan me rrequamement Document. This Document is available in an equited to EDELCA's Direction de Estudios e Ingenieria, located on the 10th floor. Tone Las Mercedes. Avenida La Estancia, Chuao, Caracas, Venezuela (FAX No. 02-908-1696). The Document is being delivered since March 10, 1994, upon receipt of a Cashiers Check of Bs. 25,000. in the name of CVG-Electrification del Caroni, C.A.

PROCEDURES FOR PREQUALIFICATION

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EDELCA will advise in writing those companies that are pregualified to present bids. Likewise EDELCA will inform the companies that are not prequalified. EDELCA will publish a notice in the newspaper of the list of companies SCHEDULE FOR PREQUALIFICATION

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Application seeks, among other things, entry of (A) an order (the "Dismissal Procedures Order") (to establishing procedures in connection with the dismissal of the Debtor Schapter 11 case and (ii) confirming and approving the manner of liquidation of the Debtor's assets, (B) an order (the "Administrative Freeze Order") (to authorizing and approving, effective from on and after June 28, 1992 (the "Pust June 28, 1992 Tax Claims"), a freeze upon the accrual of interest and penaltics upon claims of all types asserted against the Debtor by federal, state or local tax authorities or governmental units of all types (the "Tax Authorities"), the discharging and waiving of all Post June 28, 1992 Tax Claims, and dispensing with the completion and filing of returns and other information by the Debtor with the Tax Authorities relating to Post June 28, 1992 Tax Claims, and (ii) eliminating any requirement with respect to the completion and filing by the Debtor of Form CB-7308, 1992 Census of Information of Service Industries with the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of The Census (the "Department of Commerce").

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10036, Atm: Remy Ferrario, Esq.; and (c) Keck, Mahin & Cate, counsel to the Committee, 220 East Forty-Second Street, New York, New York 10017. Atm: Dennis O'Dea, Esq., such that any such objection is received and filed, no later than ten (10) days prior to the Hearing.

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Dated: New York, New York March 21, 1994

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SPORTS

Sonics' Defense Stymies Blazers

The opposition is talking about Seattle's defense again, a sure sign the SuperSonics are on another

winning streak.
"They're frustrating because they reach and they hack and they hold," Clyde Drexler said after the Sonics broke open a close game in the fourth quarter on the way to their sixth straight victory, 114-100. over Portland on Tuesday night. But you can't complain. They're effective with it."

Buck Williams, the Trail Blazers' veteran forward, was complaining,

NBA HIGHLIGHTS

however, calling George Karl's deiense a zone.

That sort of reminded me of playing college basketball." he said. "Coach Karl has done a very fine job of sort of disguising his defensive strategy. They're just sort of standing there, switching and fronting and making it very difficult on the entry pass.

The Sonies forced the Trail Blazers into seven turnovers in the fourth quarter and used a 13-3 run to take a 99-90 lead. Drexler had two turnovers during the decisive

We just kept pushing and pressuring and the more tired they got. the more they put the ball in position for us to steal." Karl said. "Just like usual, we wor, it with our defense."

Shawn Kemp scored 16 of his 28 points in the third quarter, when he sank his first 3-point shot of the season, to lead six Sonics in double figures. Kendall Gill scored 20 points and Gary Payton had 18 points, 9 assists and no turnovers for Seattle, which improved its

NBA-best record to 52-17. Rod Strickland had a career-high 30 points and 10 assists and Clifford Robinson had 26 points and a career-best seven blocked shots for

Seattle outscored Portland, 34-20, in the final period as the Blazers lost consecutive home games for

the first time this season.

Rockets 122, Kings 101: Houston, playing its first game in two years without Hakeem Olaiuwon and with two players ejected in the

hind Otis Thorpe's 21 points and

The Rockets trailed by five at halftime, but outscored the Kings, 38-19, in the third period for an 87-72 lead entering the fourth.

Olajuwon was suspended for one game for hitting a referee on Sun-day. Carl Herrera was ejected in the first quarter after punching Sacramento center Olden Polynice, and Vernon Maxwell was ejected with

Lakers 91, Timberwolves 89: Magic Johnson won his second straight game as coach, but only when Nick Van Exel's layup broke a tie with two seconds left. Elden Campbell led the Lakers

with 27 points and Vlade Divac had 18 points and 11 rebounds. Isaiah Rider, who missed a jumper as time expired, led visiting Minnesota with 22 points.

Magic 120, Bullets 101: Orlando matched a club record with its 41st victory as Shaquille O'Neal scored 25 points and Nick Anderson 18 to hand visiting Washington its ninth straight defeat.

Warriors 116, Jazz 113: Latrell Sprewell scored 35 points as Golden State won at Utah and kept the Jazz from clinching a playoff spot.

Sprewell scored the go-ahead

basket a drive from the baseline into the lane, to put the Warriors ahead, 102-101, with 3:10 remaining. That started Golden State on a 9-1 run, ending with his two free throws with 56 seconds left for a

Karl Malone had 24 points and a career-high 23 rebounds and John Stockton 21 points and 16 assists for the Jazz.

Hawks 101, Nets 98: Atlanta improved its record at home to an NBA-best 31-5 as Kevin Willis had 24 points and 16 rebounds.

Willis and Duane Ferrell scored six points each in the final 4:08 for the Hawks, who overcame a 90-87 deficit down the stretch. Derrick Coleman had to points

and 18 rebounds for the Nets. Knicks 106, Hornets 95: New York won its 14th consecutive game as Charles Oakley, a doubtful starter because of a sprained knee. had a season-high 22 points and grabbed 17 rebounds.

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3-pointer with 5:25 to play, push-ing the Spurs into a 93-79 lead. first half, won at Sacramento be- since a team-record 18 straight in



Patrick Ewing, trying to hold down Alonzo Mourning, was less successful than the Knicks, who made it 14 straight victories.

1969-70. Their reserves, led by An- Shaquille O'Neal into the NBA thony Mason's 17 points, out-scored the Hornets' backups 45-17. Alonzo Mourning scored 28

points for the visiting Hornets. Spurs 117, Mavericks 92: David Robinson dominated inside with 37 points as San Antonio won in Dallas, handing the Mavericks their 15th consecutive defeat. Robinson, who also had seven rebounds, six assists and five blocks, capped his big night with a

scoring lead with a 29.2 average as the Spurs won their 50th game of Bulls 106, 76ers 103: Scottie Pip-

pen scored 27 points as three-time point shooter. defending NBA champion Chicago clinched a playoff spot while hand-ing visiting Philadelphia its eighth straight loss and 23d in 24 games. The Sixers wiped out a 10-point January, he scored 17 of his team's deficit and led 80-79 with 9:26 left, 23 points in the five-minute overbut Pippen had four points, a steal and an assist in just over a minute, Svetlan beat Spartak-Moscow. giving the Bulls an 85-80 edge with Brower scored a season-high 37 8:22 remaining.

Brower scored a season-high 37 points that game.

Five Nice Guys From Gainesville

By Malcolm Moran New York Times Service

GAINESVILLE, Florida -- The black letters posted above the front doors of the Florida Bookstore practically shouted down Universi-Avenue with news the people had been clamoring for since that instant when the street was flooded with Gators, automobiles, bicycles

and joy.
"FINAL FOUR SHIRTS COM-ING TODAY."

The bookstore was scrambling to meet an immediate, passionate and imprecedented demand created by a University of Florida basketball

"We're in a buying frenzy." said Linda Kallman, a bookstore official. Florida's first trip to the national semifinals, and its game against Duke Saturday night, has

Kruger became coach four years ago — a design for a national championship T-shirt.

One unsolicited observation by Kallman said more about the Gators than their 29 victories in Florida's 75th and greatest season.

"These guys are all such nice guys," she said. "We've had some real jerks on the team in the past." In a town small enough for such an assessment to be made on a personal basis, reaching the Final Four has merely enhanced the dramatic progress of a program that

had to be remade rather than re-

The 7-21 record Kruger inherited was just one blemish. Rules violations had voided Florida's first two National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament appearances in 1987 and 1988, and revelations of

while Norm Sloan was coach raised serious questions.

When Kruger left Kansas State in 1990, he imported a philosophy that emphasized the importance of community service, effort in the kid any reason to not feel that, then classroom as well as the court and a respect for opponents. He studied the personalities of prospects and engaged them in unusual conversa-

tions during recruiting visits.
"You watch them," Kruger said. "You talk to them. Sincerity is really big in anything that you do. You can tell. You can get a sense of were people's sincerity. You talk to other said. people. You watch the consistency of how a young person performs, or handles himself.

That is so important, because every ball game that's a good ball game is going to come down to the iast three or four minutes. And that person's sincerity in wanting to lay

ther, an American of Croatian de-

scent named Ivan Pavlic, learned

At age 7, Brower began studying these languages with his grandfa-

lessons. "What's this?" Pavlic would

ask as they passed a store. Brower would reply in Chinese or Japanese.

were crazy," recalled Brower, who

wants to enter the U.S. diplomatic

service. "But I saw how my grand-father did things for himself."

er respect, too.

in her family.

Brower has been lucky in anoth-

Shortly after he arrived in St.

secretary to the president of the

Svetlana Sports Chib, took it upon

herself to feed the team's newest

recruit. He has become a third son

One of the team's sponsors do-

nates smoked ham, and Sazhena

makes sure to pick up sweets from

St. Petersburg's best pastry shop.

just tell him 'try it, try it,' and

Brower has outlasted the other

two Americans playing profession-ally in Russia, for Spartak-Mos-

Chuck Evens, a point guard from

Mississippi State, and Tony

Turner, as shooting forward from

Providence, broke off their \$40,000

a year contracts and returned to the

to finish out the season.

games in the United States.

really don't miss that much."

on Russian TV.

"I am starting to get March Madness," Brower confessed last

week, although, unfortunately for him, no NCAA games are shown

"But other than that, " he said, "I

"People looked at us as if we

Asia after World War II.

Off the court, the 22-year-old er's family. His maternal grandfa-

good about his teammates, that feeling of doing absolutely anything for each other, all those things go back to sincerity. If you make concessions, or if you give a you're less than what you could

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Craig Brown, a senior guard from Steelton, Pennsylvania, and Kruger's first recruit, was surprised at first by the direction of their

conversation. "The majority of his questions weren't even about basketball." he

"They were about my everyday life, my relationship with my family. A lot of times, when you would talk to people, they wanted to talk about basketball: what position you were going to play, how much you would play, those types of things. Not coach. It was more to get to know me as a person, and for me to know about him."

Brown had expected to discuss basketball, but became more relaxed by Kruger's approach. Eventually, Brown became a 15-point scorer, and the coach succeeded in coaxing the quiet guard into becoming an effective leader by picking his spots and speaking from the

Chinese and Japanese during a 15-year tour with the U.S. Army in "He's the first coach I've had," Brown said, "who doesn't have to raise his voice to get his point

ther. On weekends, Pavlic would Now it has all come together on a quiz his grandson on the past week's national stage — the sometimes spectacular reliability of Brown and Dan Cross in the backcourt, the versatility of forward Brian Thorapson, the end-to-end effort of forward Andrew DeClercq, and the robust efficiency of the 286-pound center Dametri Hill and his shot creation. DaMeat hook. Here, the warmth toward the team is not just traced to the fact that the Gators are headed for Charlotte; it is how Petersburg, Zhana Sazhena, the

they are going, and when. As the Gators prepared for the games in Miami last weekend, television screens throughout the state reported that painful memories for the campus had come to a resolution when a jury voted in favor of the death penalty for Danny Rolling for the five murders committed here in 1990. Three days after the jury's decision, there was a reason

to smile. "Isn't that amazing?" Susana Gonzalez, a Florida graduate, said at work in the Purple Porpoise, a tavern on University Avenue that became a center of the celebration. Gonzalez wanted to be careful not to trivialize the horrors relived by her town last week, but she was moved by the timing of all that spontaneous, if temporary, happi-

"I wonder if the players have ever thought about it," she said. They couldn't belp it. Not this

United States in mid-season, al-"A lot of people have commentthough Turner has since returned better," Declered said, "with all the stuff that has happened in the "The money is more important for the other players." Brower said.
"They have to live on it." past with the Gainesville murders, and all those families, and the fact He said he intends to come back that something good has happened for this town. It has gotten in the next summer and play for Svetlana. In March, though, thoughts of news in a good way. A lot of people the future take a back seat to the are very thankful for that."

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The Outpost in St. Petersburg

By Jeff Lilly

Special to the Heraid Tribune Floridian has gone about as native ST. PETERSBURG — Like as Kurtz in Conrad's Heart of most fans of American college bas- Darkness. ketball who find themselves out of

became the first American to play professional basketball in Russia Russian men to play for VCU. Now, a year after his final season at VCU, and the privileges of Divi-sion I college basketball, Brower

has settled in to the far more spartan life of an athlete in Russia. The point guard for the Svetlana team in Russia's top league, he is averaging 18.5 points a game, with eight assists, and is an excellent 3-

At VCU, he hit eight 3-point shots to win games in the final minute against powerhouses like Louisville and Memphis State. In January, he scored 17 of his team's time, making two 3-pointers, as

Conversant in five languages, he

the country in March. Chris speaks Russian freely, particularly Brower couldn't hide his excite-ment as he poured over the scores which he lets fly with abandon durof the NCAA tournament games. ing games. Like the other players. But there is a difference: Last on the St. Petersburg team, he lives August, Brower, a two-year starter in a dormitory room with no as the point guard for Virginia phone, running water or working Commonwealth University's team, television. And because of the team's financial difficulties, he earns 20.000 rubles a month. That's under an exchange that, since its the equivalent of about \$12 and a inception in 1990, has sent two far cry from the \$1,500 he was

But, a political science and German double major at VCU, Brower has become a Russian history buff. He is now reading, in Russian, a book on the last Czar. On the team's road trips, he browses through bookstores and visits landmarks. These, he says, are his rewards, not the big paycheck that may never come.

"How many Americans have been to Lake Baikal, or to Ekaterinburg and seen the place where the Czar was shot?" he said.

During meals. Brower gets a cultur-"He has no hang-ups," said Svet-lana's coach. Vyacheslav Borodin. al how-to lesson. Sazhena teaches Brower new words, and introduces "And because he develops his lanhim to new dishes, like borscht, blini guage skills. he understands our he's learned," said Sazhena.

McCaffrey's Fastest Break: NCAA Finals, and Now the NIT's

By Timothy W. Smith

NEW YORK - Billy McCaffrey has a world of things to smile about. He has smile about. Now, the only question is: playing for Vanderbilt. It was the toughest back-to-back seasons of averaging 20 Will he? On the first play of the semifinal decision of my life. I haven't looked back. If I points a game - 20.9 this season - which game against Kansas State on Monday would have stayed I always would have wonmakes him the first Vanderbilt basketbal player to do that since 1966.

In addition, he went into the National Invitation Tournament championship game with a chance to become the first player since the seven players on the 1981. Indiana team to win championships in both the NIT and the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament.

McCaffrey was a member of the Duke University team that won the NCAA championship in 1991 before he transferred to Vanderbilt, which played Villanova in Madison Square Garden on Wednesday night. Villanova, the 1985 na-

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tional champion, had defeated Siena, 66-58, in the semifinals.

night, he got whacked in the month, his

top front right tooth broke in half. "It was on the fast break." McCaffrey said. "I came down and got a fist in the mouth. I just played through. I wasn't in a lot of pain. I don't even know who did it." Despite the broken tooth, McCaffrey bit

the Wildcats' zone defense with 28 points, 10 of 10 from the free-throw line.

hitting 8 of 14 from the field and a perfect As McCaffrey prepared for Wednesday night's game, his former team, Duke, was preparing for its NCAA semifinal game against Florida in Charlotte, North Carolina, on Saturday, McCaffrey has no envy or

regret over his decision to leave Duke.

"I pretty much feel the way I always have," he said. "I don't have any regrets Yes, McCaffrey certainly has plenty to with making the move. I thoroughly enjoy

"Having so much success my first two years made it easy to transfer." he continued, "winning a national championship and going to the Final Four. I have fond memories at Duke, but I also cherish my memo-ries at Vanderbilt. I wish them the best."

He said he still kept in touch with some of his former Duke teammates. He and the Blue Devils forward Grant Hill visited each other a couple of times last summer. He talked with the Duke forward Antonio Lang, a senior, a month ago, before the postseason tournaments heated up. And he remains in contact with Bobby Hurley.

McCaffrey said he left because he was of transferring from a team like Duke, that unhappy with his role as assigned by Duke's seems to have a lock on Final Four appearcoach. Mike Krzyzewski, and his enjoyment ances - seven in the past nine years - to of the game was beginning to wane.

McCaffrey said. "In a very large program to secure an NIT bid. sometimes you get lost. You have to accept roles. Maybe you do one thing better than used to look at the NIT with a certain others and that's your role. That's not amount of disdain, as do most players on necessarily fun all the time. That's not to perennial NCAA tournament teams. But say that it's wrong. A coach has to make a decision and obviously Coach K is one of the best coaches in America. But you have said. to have fun.

'Grant Hill is so talented that he can play four positions if they want him to. In bids. Kansas State beat Kansas at Kansas my case sometimes I was strictly the shooter. And although that sounds fun, that's Clemson beat North Carolina. We beat not always the case. It's a great program and I had some fond memories, but I needed a change just to enjoy the game." Some would wonder about the rationale itive and it's been a lot of fun."

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Vanderbilt, which had to fight its way "It wasn't necessarily the pressure." through the Southeastern Conference just And when he was at Duke, McCaffrevi

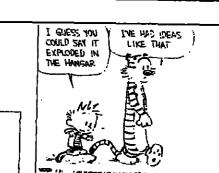
his view has changed. "It's been an eye opener for me," he

"You have a lot of good teams that don't make the NCAA, because of the automatic this year and not too many teams do that. Florida and they're in the Final Four. You definitely have some good teams in here. It's not the big dance, but it's very compet-

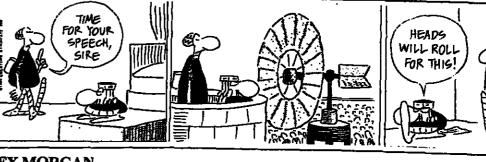
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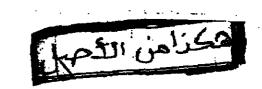
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SPORTS

Switzer Hired As Dallas Coach

IRVING, Texas - Barry Switzer, who left Oklahoma University under a cloud five years ago, became coach of the Dallas Cowboys on Wednesday, just a day after his arch-rival, Jimmy Johnson, quit the National Football League champi-

Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones hired Switzer, his freshman football coach at the University of Arkansas, citing the need for "continuity and motivation."

Switzer, who has never coached in the NFL, said he wanted to return to the game he left abruptly in

"I missed football," he said, "I decided I'd rather coach. "I give my commitment of lovalty, of excellence, of total commit-

ment of making this program what it has been in the past and what it will be in the future." Switzer said. Switzer, who won three national championships for the Sooners. was "a proven winner." Jones said. As the 56-year-old Switzer sat

beside him, Jones sought to allay fears among Cowboys' fans that he would meddle in the team's onfield activities. "I feel so strongly that you're going benefit from the fact that the

guy next to me coached me, the guy next to me has my total personal must and commitment." Jones said. "I feel we have one of the most talented teams that there is the NFL, if not the most talented team, and one of the best that has ever been put together," Jones said. "I feel very confident that the continuity can be kept in place and be motivated with the new head coach

A source said Jones and Switzer worked out contract details Wednesday in Jones's office at Valley Ranch.

of the Dallas Cowboys, Barry Swit-

It was Jones's mention of Switzer's name in a barroom conversation in Orlando, Florida, that infuriated Johnson to the point of wanting to leave the Cowboys.

"Jerry believes that Switzer can quickly adapt to the NFL and that his college background won't be a detrimental factor," the source

"Switzer won't get the kind of long-term deal that Jimmy got, and of course Jerry will now he in charge of all the management and personnel decisions. Quarterback Trov Aikman and

every assistant coach on Johnson's staff went to Jones' office Wednesday to meet with the owner and

rocky relationship. Switzer recruited Aikman out of Henryetta, Oklahoma, to come to the Sooners, telling him that they were going to a passing offense. However, Oklahoma stayed in the ground-bound

wishbone. Aikman played one game as a freshman in 1984, then started as a sophomore until he broke his ankle against Miami in the fourth game of the season. He transferred at the end of 1985 to UCLA, where he found immediate stardom in a passing offense under Terry Donahue and eventually became the Cowboys No. 1 draft pick in 1989.

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standing coach," and there should be no problem working with him. Switzer won three national titles in 16 years at Oklahoma before leaving in 1989 amid several scandals involving arrests of his players. He went 157-29-4 at Oklahoma and

Aikman said Switzer "is an out-

Johnson was diplomatic in his response to the news that Switzer will replace him. "It's a little bit of a surprise to

me, but again, that's Jerry's deci-sion," Johnson said Wednesday on NBC's "Today" show. "We'll just have to wait and see how it works." After two days of meetings with Jones, Johnson announced his resignation at a news conference

"After our discussions, we have mutually decided that I would no longer be the head football coach of the Dallas Cowboys," he said. Johnson, 50, said he expected to coach again, although no NFL head coaching positions are open

for the upcoming season,
Jones gave Johnson a monetary settlement he called a "big-time thank you"—it was believed to be a multimillion dollar payment and the two were amiable at their news conference.

There's no way in the world either one of us could have done all this without each other," said Johnson, happy to be leaving even though it means giving up a chance for a record third straight Super Bowl victory. Johnson, who originally signed a

boys, received permission to join any team he wants - whenever he wants - despite the five years left on his contract. In his years in Dallas, Johnson

10-year contract to coach the Cow-

took the Cowboys from 1-15 to



Spartak Moscow's goalkeeper, Gintaras Stauche, punched away Jürgen Klinsmann's header, but couldn't keep Monaco out of the Champions' League semifinals as the French team gained a 0-0 tie. when he rose high above defender

SIDELINES

announced at a meeting here Wednesday.

Monaco Gains Semifinals. Barcelona Dumps Turks

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Monaco eased its way Wednesday into the semifinals of the Euroin a snowstorm in Moscow.

Monaco has seven points from Group A. five matches and cannot be caught by either Spartak or Galatasaray of furkey, the bottom two teams in Group A of the tournament. But the tie also helped Barcelona. which is vying with Monaco for the top spot in the group to avoid a likely semifinal against Group B leader AC Milan.

Both sides hit the goal bar in what was a surprisingly free-flowine game.

Monaco's German striker, Jürgen Klinsmann, had the best chance to score in the 38th minute. when he burst clear of the Spariak defense and evaded the onrushing goalkeeper, Gintaras Stauche, But his close-range shot hit the bar.

In the 51st minute, Spartak defender Yuri Nikiforov saw his hard. 30-meter free kick clip the bar with Monaco goalkeeper Jean-Luc Ettori well beaten.

Monaco attacked from the start and almost scored in the 10th minute, but Stauche pushed away a close-range header by Klinsmann. Monaco consistently appeared to be the more dangerous team and striker Laurent Viaud could have

done better in the 24th minute.

er just wide of the right-hand post.

Barcelona 3, Galatasaray 0: Host pean Cup by holding Spartak Mos- Barcelona clinched their place in cow to a 0-0 draw in their the European Cup semifinals when Champions' League match, played they trounced Turkey's Galatasaray in the Champions' League

Guillermo Amor, Ronald Koeman and Eusebio Sacristan scored the goals, but Barcelona, European champions in 1992, could have stacked up a bigger victory if they had taken all their chances.

The Spanish champions have compiled eight points from their five games and, with one match to come, lead Group A by one point. Galatasaray and Spartak are out

A combination of misplaced shots, bad luck and the skill of Turkish goalkeeper Hayrettin De-mirbas limited Barcelona to one goal before the interval despite the superiority of the home side, who pushed forward relentlessly.

Amor broke the deadlock in the 22d minute, concluding a typically slick move. Aitor Beguiristain flicked the ball on and Amor dodged a defender and scored.

AC Milan 0, Anderlecht 0: The Italian champions secured themselves a berth in the European Cup semifinal despite being held to a lackluster goalless draw against the Belgian club in Milan.

Heading for their third straight Italian league triumph. Milan re-

Vladislay Ternaysky to put a head-mains on top of pool B in the Champions' League with seven points from five games. Anderlecht have four points and are out of contention

The Italians play away to closest challengers Porto on April 13 needing only to avoid defeat to ensure. top spot and secure home advantage for the one-off semifinal.

Not even the presence of Milan club president and Italian election.

winner Silvio Berlusconi could in-

spire his club against a defenseinded Anderlecht. Milan midfielder Demetrio Albertini almost broke the deadlock in the 70th minute, his 25-meter drive from a free kick rebounding

off the base of a post.

Porto 5, Werder Bremen 0: Portuguese champions Porto went on a goal-scoring spree to demolish hosts Werder Bremen in their Champions League group B clash and effectively book a place in the European Cup semifinals. First-half goals from Rui Filipe

and Bulgarian Emil Kostadinov, two brilliant second-half strikes from Carlos Secretario and Domingos Oliveira and a last-minute penalty from Ion Timofte handed the German champions a demoralizing

With just three points from their five games. Werder, who had their Austrian star Andreas Herzog sent off for handball in the last minute. have no chance of finishing in the top two spots in the group.
With six points from their five

ames. Porto only need one point from their last game against AC Milan to be 100 percent sure of a place in the last four with the Ital-

Cagliari 3, Internazionale 2: Two oals in the last 10 minutes gave the home team its victory over its Italian rivals from the north in their UEFA Cup first-leg semifinal.

ames, looked poised for a 2-1 victory until substitute Antonio Criniti's header put the Sardinians even in the 81st minute. Giuseppe Pancaro, another sub-

low shot slightly deflected off Inter defender Antonio Paganin. 1991. Inter had taken a lead on a

looping header from striker Davide Fontolan in only the sixth minute. Brazilian-born striker Oliveira 20t Cagliari a tic five minutes later. but Uruguavan Ruben Sosa restored inter's lead with a powerful

A Divorce the Cowboys' Owner, Jones, Will Come to Regret They openly discussed every aspect of their divorce except Johnson's fifth seasons, he proved to be an exceptional motivator and a shrewd judge visitation rights to Valley Ranch, the Cowboys' complex. But the mar-

By Dave Anderson New York Times Service

N EW YORK — You probably know a couple just like them. As soon as their divorce was final, as soon as the financial settlement had been agreed upon, they couldn't say enough nice things about each other. And here were the latest cozy couple to fit that description, sitting side by side in front of a blue-and-silver Cowbovs banner.

"I feel better," Jimmy Johnson was saying, "about Jerry Jones as a friend understanding me than I ever have in our entire relationship. "I hope you respect the relationship we have." Jerry Jones said. "It

meant a lot. Not more than the Dallas Cowboys, but it meant a lot." Vantage During the news conference, the now Point

former coach and the owner-general manager of the reigning two-time Super Bowl champions even alluded to the financial settlement for the five years remaining on Johnson's contract, although no numbers were divulged.

"I should have slapped myself in the face for this." Johnson said of the settlement, "but I told Jerry, 'You don't have to do that.'

The happy couple, Johnson (left) and Jones, at their parting.

"Thank you; fimmy," Jones said as Johnson playfully nudged him on the shoulder, "for everything that has happened for a long time."

riage was over. And not a quarrel too soon, If they had tried to prolong the marriage, they would have been at each other's throats again over something, anything.

For all their kind words Tuesday. Johnson and Jones are, quite simply, incompatible. Both were smart enough to realize it. But now that they have split, where does Jimmy Johnson go from here? And where do Jerry Jones and the Cowboys go from here?

"According to our agreement, Jimmy can coach anywhere he wants to coach," Jones said. "And do anything he wants to do." Look for Johnson to be a television analyst during the National Football League season while he sifts coaching offers. Surely the expansion Carolina Panthers will pursue him. So will every NFL franchise that

isn't completely happy with its coach. But if Don Shula, now 64, were to decide to stop coaching the Miami Dolphins, Johnson would jump at an offer to return to the area where he

guided the University of Miami to two national college titles. Unlike most ex-coaches at liberty. Johnson wasn't fired and he's not burned out. He just needs a club owner whose ego isn't as large as his

Soccer Championship Sites Chosen

BARCELONA (AP) - Athens will be the site of the European

Athens' Olympic stadium was picked over London's Wembley for

• The Italian team Sampdoria, from Genou, will play China's

national team in Beijing on May 15, the People's Daily said Wednes-

The Fellow, the French-trained gelding that won the prestigious

The two Australian syndicates challenging for next year's America's

York City.

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McGuire does."

Cup agreed to cooperate in testing, development, facilities and promo-

Alberto Cova, 35, the former

Cheltenham Gold Cup two weeks ago, will run in the Grand National

steeplechase April 9, his trainer, François Doumen said.

Europe's top cup final. Copenhagen's Parken Stadium was chosen over the Anoeta ground in San Sebastian. Spain. for the Cup Winners

Champions Cup final May 18 while Copenhagen will play host to the May 4 final of the Cup Winners Cup, the UEFA executive committee

In producing the Cowboys' two Super Bowl rings in only the fourth and

of talent. "How bout them Cowboys!" he would yell after a big victory. But without Johnson on the sideline, them Cowboys won't be as good. Even with him, the Cowboys were due for a difficult season in trying to be the first "three-peat" Super Bowl champions. And when adversity devel-

eps, his absence will be the Cowboys' first crutch. "This wouldn't have happened if Jimmy were still here," some will surely gripe. "Jimmy wouldn't have let it happen."

HE IRONY of the timing of Johnson's departure is that Norv-Turner, his offensive coordinator, left two months ago to be the Washington Redskins' head coach, just as Johnson's previous defensive coordinator, Dave Wannstedt, left after their first Super Bowl victory to be the Chicago Bears' head coach.

What the Cowboys don't need now is a coach with a new system and a new philosophy, such as Barry Switzer, still at large after resigning in 1989 at the University of Oklahoma with a ribald rap sheet.

With his exalted ego, Jerry Jones probably thinks that it won't make any difference who the coach is because he. Jerry Jones, is really the reason the Cowboys have the opportunity to three-peat.

But sooner or later, Jerry Jones will wish he had staved married to Jimmy Johnson. For better or for worse.

A New Golden Age for Golf?

Norman, Price and Faldo: The Masters 3 By Larry Dorman You York Times Service

PONTE VEDRA, Florida -- In golf's most recent golden age, the Big Three were Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player. They were the undisputed giants of the game, players who had a combined total of nearly 200 worldwide victories by the time each had reached his 38th birthday.

It would be folly to suggest that golf's current Big Three — Greg Norman, 39, Nick Faldo, 36, and Nick Price, 37. - will ever dominate the game to the extent that their predecessors did.

There simply are too many vari-Ray Mercer, the beavyweight ables, beginning with a larger numcontender charged with offering ber of formidable competitors and the fighter Jesse Ferguson \$100,000 ending with enormous, motivationin mid-fight to take a dive, was found not guilty by a jury in New sapping appearance (ees for corporate outings.

vorld and Olympic champion at 10,000 meters, was elected to the Italian parliament on the ticket of Miguel Angel González of Mexi-co retained his WBC lightweight title by stopping Jean-Baptiste Europeans say. Mendy of France in the lifth round

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They are entering what should be the prime years of their careers. They, with Bernhard Langer, Fred Couples and Paul Azinger (when healthy), have clearly separated themselves from golf's hot pollor.

Norman, who breezed through last weekend's Players Championship a whopping 24 strokes under

world.

But a '90s golden age could be on the horizon. The current Big Three. with 126 victories among them, are rounding into form at just the right time. With the Masters, the first of golf's four major championships, starting April 7. Norman, Faldo and Price are all "on song," as the

par, has his game tuned almost to a perfect pitch. It looks much as it to the British Open as the favorite their game's in hand. Spring has

mance, he won the British Open at Royal St. George's last summer with a final-round 64.

"I'm really enjoying the way I'm playing golf right now." said Nor-man, won had already won earlier this year at the Johnnie Walker Classic at Phuket. Thailand. In six outings, he has finished

out of the top 10 just once, a tie for 18th at the Australian Masters in February. This month, he has shot just one over-par round, a 74 in the second round at the Doral-Ryder Open.

Price is in the same sort of slot. His missing the cut last week can be dismissed as an aberration: He was suffering from a head cold, and from the pressures of more than a year on leader hourds around the

In the last 19 months, he has won 12 times and has 22 top-three finishes in 49 events. In 1994, he had either won or finished second in four of his five starts before the cold struck.

This Masters will be a telling one for him. He has shown a disturbing tendency to will when the whitehot light of expectation focuses on him, especially at the majors.

At last year's Masters - the last previous time he had missed a cut - he shot a second-round 81 two weeks after winning the Players Championship with a scary display of accuracy. He could not overcome a balky putter at the U.S. Open and finished tied for 11th.

Then, after winning two PGA

Tour events in three weeks, he went did when, in his finest perfor- and tied for sixth. Coming off an rarely been brighter with promise

finished 31st at the PGA Championship while trying to defend his 1992 title.

"The majors are a different type of pressure," Price said earlier this year. We try to get our games to peak at that very week, and that can be difficult. Now I realize what it was like for players like Arnold and Jack, who were always under that kind of pressure.

"I want to win another major very hadly. I think that's the next step for me."

Unlike Price and Norman, a gregarious twosome, the solitary Faldo has won two different majors. He has two Masters titles and three British Opens, and what his game lacks in power and flamboyance is more than offset by almost metronomic accuracy.

Much was made of his missing the cut by a stroke at Doral, where be hit a wedge shot into the water at the last hole on Friday, but Faldo's game is arriving on schedule.

When he is playing well, he has an aura about him. He walks, talks and plays as though he is above it all. At the moment, he is approaching that. His putter is working and he is working hard with the couch David Leadbetter to tighten any remaining loose bolts in his swing-After taking earlier this month off to England for the birthdays of two of his three children. Faldo is back and refreshed. He will play this week at New Orleans to finish

As golf's first major approaches, the sport's three major players have

his Masters preparation.

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Cancel Spring Break

WASHINGTON — I was on the airplane enjoying the sound of the college students drink-ing merrily in the seats behind me when the man sitting next to me said, "They ought to abolish spring

I couldn't believe my ears. "Sir, are you an

zen?" I asked him.
"Of course," replied.

"Why do you "Because no full-blooded

American would want to get rid of spring break. Buchwald It is the cornerstone of our Constitution. Our patriotic soldiers fought King George to ensure that every Colonial student, regardless of race, creed or religion, would be

entitled to spring break." "What the hell are students doing taking vacations when they can't even read or write?"

"Their young minds are fragile. You can't force too many facts on them in one semester — they could collapse with exhaustion.

"I never had a spring break," he

Berlin Cancels Hitler Exhibition

The Associated Press B ERLIN — Berlin's history museum bowed to pressure and canceled an exhibition of Adolf Hitler propaganda photos, even though the show had been praised as a serious examination of

the "Führer myth." The exhibit features the work of Hitler's personal photographer. Heinrich Hoffmann, and has been seen by more than 40,000 people in Munich since it opened this year. It was to have opened on April 28 at the German History Museum in

The museum director, Christoph Stoelzl, said he was surprised by the objections to the exhibit, but decided to cancel it after a personal appeal from the head of Berlin's Jewish community.

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the best years of your life. You were deprived of beer busts and suntans and blanket parties and all the things that kids enjoy nowadays. I would be bitter, too, if I never cruised down the main drag of Fort

Lauderdale in my underwear honk-ing at all the great bodies."
"If we abolished spring break, we might discover a way to dispose of nuclear waste," he told me.

"That is just a guess on your part. There is no guarantee that if you make students study they will find a solution to the world's problems. Two or three weeks is not going to make any difference when it comes to sending astronauts into

"If I had my way, I would lock every one of them up in the study hall and throw away the key," he

"Bite your tongue. You are talking about vulnerable children who could not function without ski vacations or touch football on the private front lawns of Palm Springs. I know these kids. They gave all they could to their classroom work and they hardly have enough energy left to wind-surf off the shores of Hawaii."

My fellow passenger was adamant. The worst thing about spring break is that it isn't just for college students, but high school students and grammar school chil-dren also get the time off. This means that their parents have to go somewhere with their children for those two weeks."

"What's wrong with that?" I

"The parents are also illiterate." "Look, that's how the cookie crumbles. Besides, it gives the teachers a chance to get away." "Why should they expect a break their students can't read or

"You're biased against our American educational system. The only thing that counts in this country is that our students are happy. Spring break is a time for them to forget their cares and create memo-ries for their adult years. You don't even have to be smart to enjoy the vacation. No matter where you stand academically you have as much chance as the next person to catch the perfect wave."

B.B.: And God Created an Animal Lover

By Alan Riding New York Times Service

PARIS — The photographs decorating her office show Brigitte Bardot much as she looked when she first seduced the world: long blond hair, seductive eyes, pouting mouth.

The slim upright woman in black who appeared through the door had reading glasses hanging from her neck and the lined face of someone who had spent a summer too many in the sun. Yet, she, too, looked familiar.

Since abandoning her movie career 21 years ago. Brigitte Bardot has wrapped a veil around her private life, but B. B. the name and B. B. the face have not been forgotten here. Now, however, she dedi-cates the fame she acquired as a sex kitten to protecting real cats — and dogs, horses and all the other animals God created when He also created woman.

Cinema? "It's over," she said, sitting in the Paris office of the animal rights foundation that carries her name. "It's another world. I have no more friends from those days. I have no time for that. I only live in the world of animal protection. I speak only of that. I think only of that. I am obsessed." She looked pleased with her answer, as

if confident she had smothered further discussion of her screen past. "I always loved animals," she went on. "But when I was making films, I discovered there was a difference between loving animals and lighting for them — and I didn't have time to fight for them. So that's why I gave up cinema. I stopped making films to look ofter animals

In 46 films over 22 years, Bardot had come to personify the French "art of loving," and an entire generation mourned her retirement. But implicitly, there was more to her decision than just saving animals. When Bardot reached 30, the author Marguerite Duras wrote, "Brigitte, your choice is to become a woman or to age into an old little girl." So she chose: Her young beauty would be preserved on celluloid and she would age at her own pace -without lifts or tucks - off camera.

Now, six months before her 60th birthday, sitting primly behind a desk, her eyes still sparkling, her hair piled on her head in a B. B. style once nicknamed choucroue (sauerkraut), she seemed happy with her decision. She knows that, for all their love of cats and dogs, many consider her eccentric. Yet, even now, she lacks the solemnity of true fanatics. She called for a bottle of Champagne.

"It's the one thing that gives me some zest when I feel tired," she said, filling two glasses and toasting, "To the animals. I'm not an extremist, you know. Someone has



Brigitte Bardot with a friend: "I'm not an extremist."

Of course, it helps to be B. B., as she is still known here. She can get air time on French television to promote her causes. When she denounces cruelty to animals, she is assured news coverage - or worse. After she urged the French to stop eating horse meat, death threats, presumably from angry butchers, followed. And what political leader is not going to read a letter

from Brigitte Bardot.
"When I gave up movies, some people said I was protecting animals to gain pub-licity," she recalled. "Now, if there was one woman in the world who didn't need publicity, who always had too much publicity, it was me. Even today, there are people who ask, why don't you help children, or the people in Bosnia, or old people, or AIDS victims? There are always people telling me I should worry about

something else."
On top of that, the first Brigitte Bardot Foundation in 1977 failed after just three months. But she tried again in 1986, this time with professional help. And to raise the necessary \$500,000 capital, she auctioned off almost all her belongings -

furniture, paintings, movie mementoes, her favorite guitar, even her jewelry. She also donated La Madrague, her beachside home in Saint-Tropez, to the new foundation. But there were still those who sniped

that she chose to love animals because she had been so let down by men. Her first marriage, at 18, was to the director Roger Vadim, who turned her into a legend with his 1956 film "And God Created Wom-an." After seven years, they separated. Two more marriages — to Jacques Char-rier, an actor, and Gunther Sachs, a milionaire industrialist - and many affairs also ended in disappointment.

Then, 18 months ago, she married again, this time to Bernard d'Ormale, a business executive. And are you still married? "It depends on the day," she said with a laugh that lasted barely a second. "It's a private matter of no concern to anyone."

Her marriage did draw attention,

though, because d'Ormale was a close as-sociate of Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of France's extreme rightist National Front. Some financial backers of her foundation were unhappy with her choice of spouse. She is still angry about the reaction, not least because she considers herself a Gaull-

ist and not an extreme rightist. Last year, with contributions down and the foundation staring bankruptcy in the face, Bardot had to save the day by appearing on a television variety show to appeal for funds. And the public responded.

That crisis is over, and she can again turn her attention to denouncing cruelty to ani-mals. And her list of enemies is long: the mas. And ner list of enemies is long: the Japanese and Norwegians for hunting whales; the Spanish for fighting bulls; the Russians for killing baby seals; the Filipinos for eating dogs; the Chinese for not stopping tiger hunting; pharmaceutical companies for vivisection, and furtiers, hunter and circumstances the model care. hunters and circus operators the world over.

Her strategy remains unchanged. She makes the public protests on television or by bombarding newspapers with faxes. Her foundation follows up with letters, demon-strations, lawsuits, participation in international conferences and, where possible, meetings with government authorities. With a \$900,000 annual budget, the foundation has a 10-person staff and 25,000 contributing members.

For all the global reach of her protests, the French do not escape her wrath. In some cases, like the hunting of turtledoves in southwest France and the consumption of horse meat, Bardot is confronting deep traditions. But she considers them no less uncivilized. She has also criticized the ritual slaughter of sheep by Muslims in France and has tried to persuade the Paris Mosque to allow the animals to be stunned with an electric shock before they are killed.

Last year, the foundation spent almost \$200,000 on a program for sterilizing wild cats who live in cemeteries, parks and empty city lots. "We collect them, sterilize them painlessly and then put them back where we found them," she said.

No fewer than 60 cats, though, have found refuge in Bardot's own home in Saint-Tropez — with 15 dogs, sheep, goats, a horse, a mare and a donkey. "The birds, the turtledoves, the chickens are in nature," she said. "My chickens are the happiest in the world, because I have been vegetarian for the past 20 years."

So this is how she plans to end her days: "No longer an image, a physique, a sex symbol," as she once put it, "but a spokeswoman for animals.

And is she now happy? "Sometimes I cry myself to sleep thinking about the suffering of animals," she said slowly. "But I think people are now coming to respect me for being so obstinate."

She took a final sip of Champagne and suddenly looked more cheerful. "After all," she added, "I could have said, 'I'm going off to sun myself in the Bahamas."

PEOPLE

Dassin Takes Up Cause In Memory of Mercouri Jules Dassin, the husband of the late Melina Mercouri, says he will

try to fulfill his wife's dream to get back the Parthenon marbles from the British Museum in London and house them in a new Acropolis museum. The American-born film director made the pledge after he was appointed president of a founda-tion named in honor of the actres-politician. The government estab-lished the Melina Mercouri Foundation after the actress died on March 6 at age 73. Its goal is to promote the new museum and the return of the Elgin Marbles.

Lynn Redgrave has been elected president of the Players, a 106year-old club for actors and patrons of the arts. Chosen for the position by the 22-member board of directors, she will be the Players' first female president. The first woman member, Helen Hayes, was not admitted until 1988.

Lana Turner, 74, has been released after a week in a Los Angeles hospital, where she was treated for

The police recovered a cache of stolen Marilyn Monroe memorabilia, but not the halter-top dress that billowed up as she stood over a subway grate in the 1955 movie "The Seven Year Itch." The items were stolen last year from a locker in New York rented by the family of Lee Strasberg, Monroe's mentor and were found in another locker in the same warehouse.

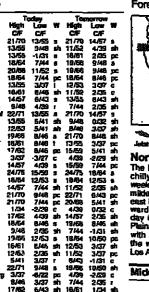
Grace Sick, former lead singer for Jefferson Airplane and Jeffer-son Starship, pleaded not guilty to pointing a shotgun at a police officer during a standoff at her home north of San Francisco.

Marvin Gaye was shot to death by his father 10 years ago Friday, a day before the singer's 45th birthday. To mark the anniversary and honor Gaye's 26-year career, Mo-town Records says it will reissue many of his works on compact disk.

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Forecast for Friday through Sunday, as provided by Accu-Weather.



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